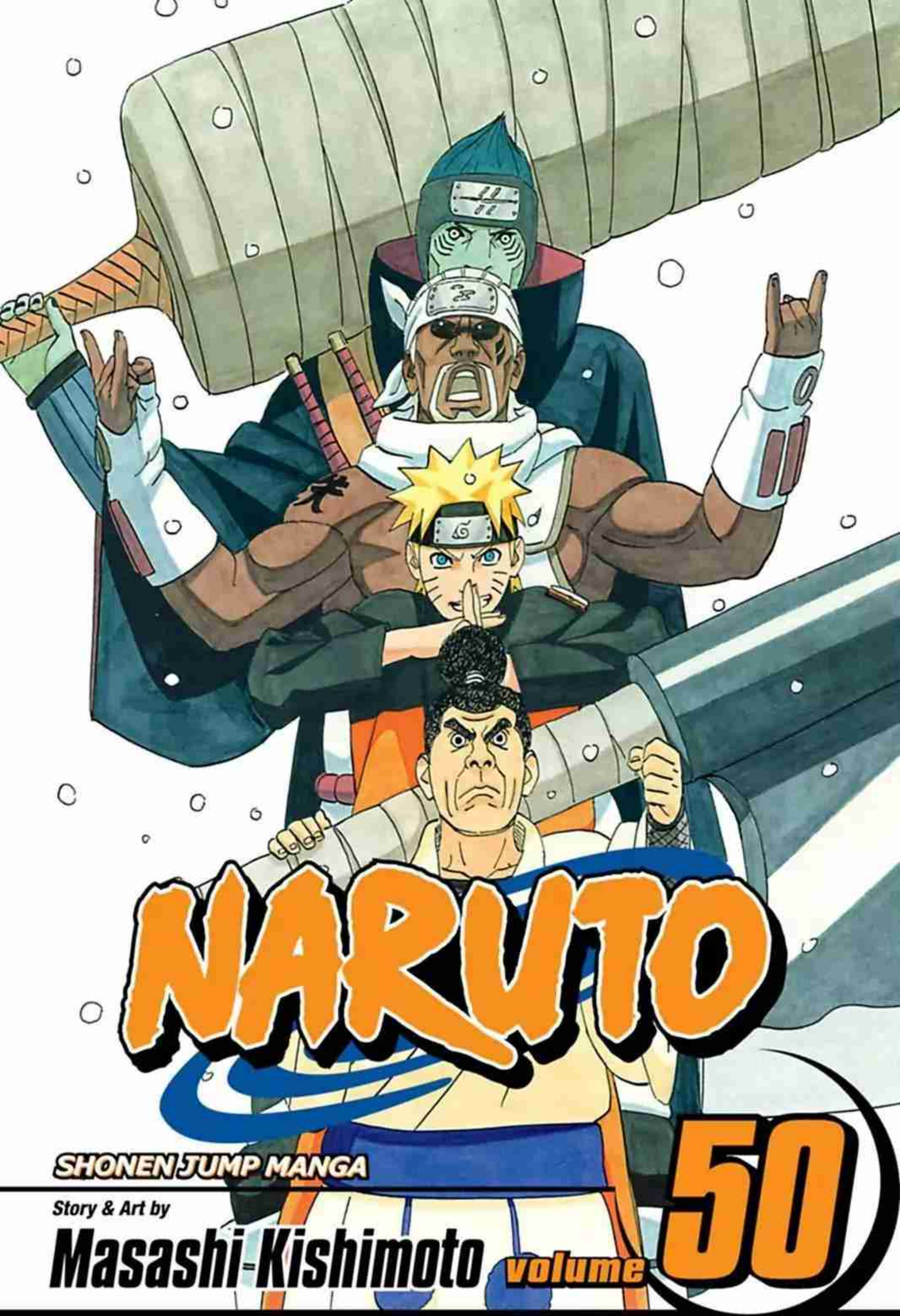
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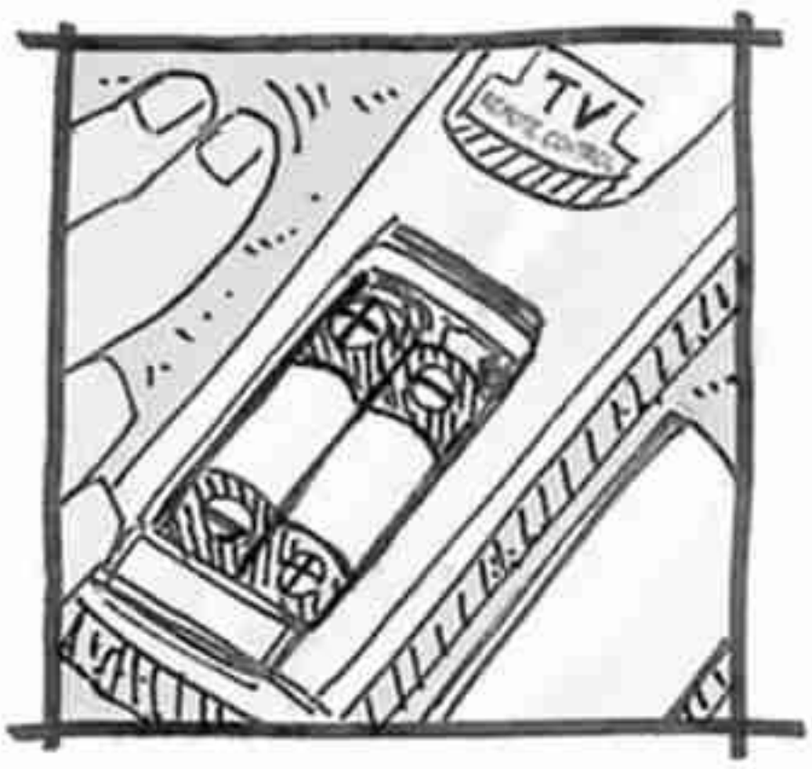

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Recently, the batteries in my TV and DVD player remote control have started running out of juice, responding sluggishly when I press the buttons and not powering on easily. However, they do still eventually turn on, so I keep telling myself "Eh, it's still okay..." and procrastinating. And then I noticed something. Once the remote stops working at all, if I open up its battery case and rub the batteries, it starts working again! You all should try it too!

It's true... though it would be faster just to change the batteries.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2010

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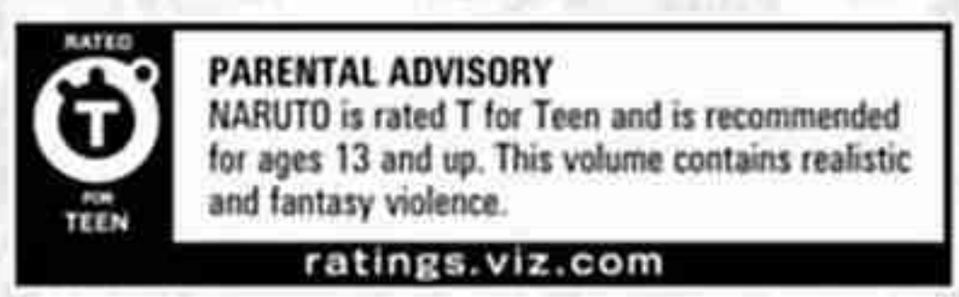

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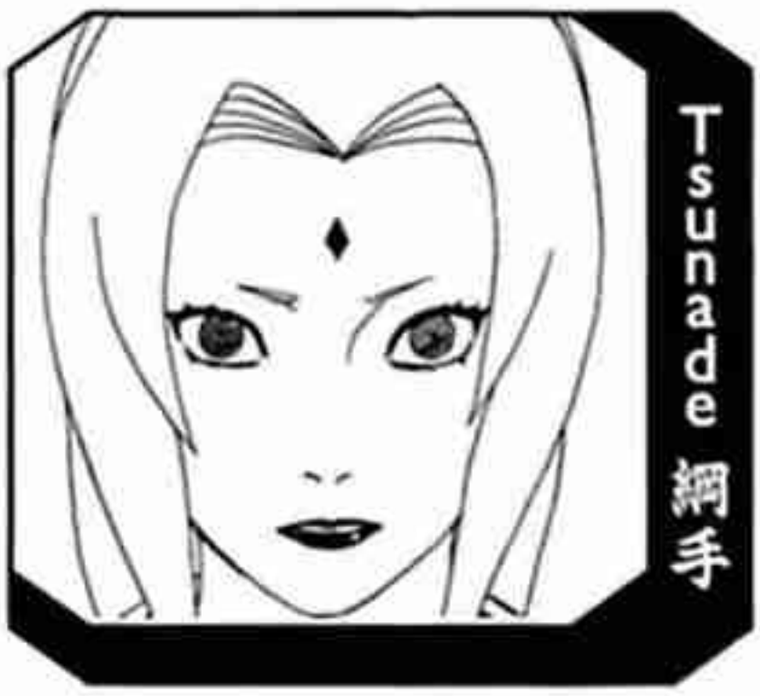
Tsunade 綱手

Jiraiya 自来也

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja. Along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura, he grows and matures during countless trials and battles. Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek the renegade ninja Orochimaru, from whom he hopes to gain immense power.

Two years pass. Naruto battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the epic battle against his brother Itachi, Sasuke learns the truth about Itachi's perceived betrayal of their clan. He allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Ultimately, Naruto saves his village. But Danzo of the Black Ops is appointed the Sixth Hokage in Tsunade's place. And the Raikage—leader of the Cloud Village—summons a meeting of the five other leaders. Sasuke attacks, and engages in battle with the Raikage!!

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HAK

WOM

UGH!

KLOP

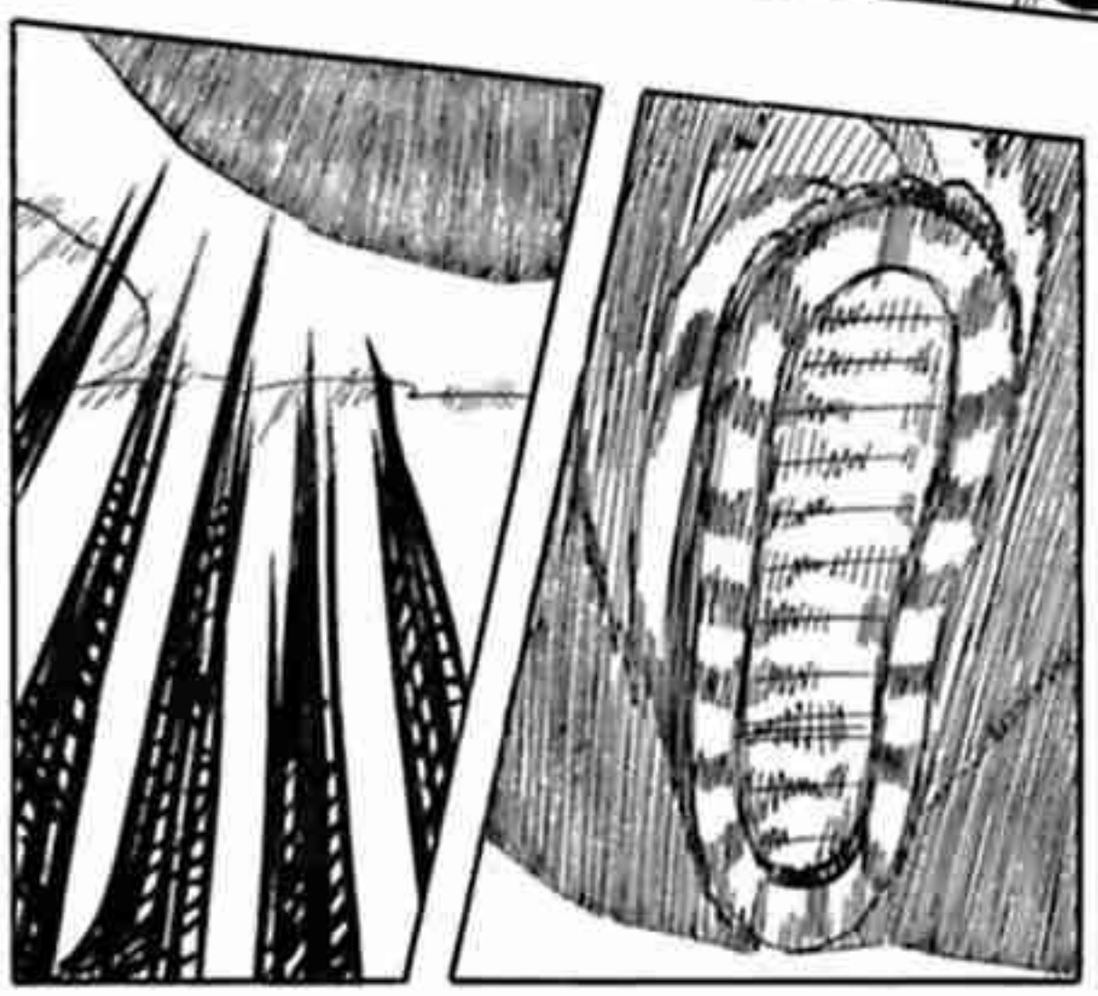
GUILLOTINE DROP!!

FOOOSH

DRIIII

DRIIII

INFERNO STYLE! FLAME CONTROL !!



SASUKE !!
HE'S STILL ...!!

!
!!
SHUP

!

!
THIS IS...!
SAND!!

愛

SCREECH

GAARA OF THE SAND...

SWOOO...

WIND SCYTHE JUTSU !!
FUUUU

WAP

SWISH
SWISH

SWICK
SWICK
KO
K

KLATTER
KLATTER
SO THESE ARE THE ETERNAL FLAMES... THE AMATERASU, HUH...
...WHAT'S GOING ON?
UNH ...
TH-THANK YOU, LORD KAZEKAGE ...
THERE'S NO NEED FOR SAMURAI TO BECOME CASUAL-TIES.
SHUP
SHUP
YOU SAMURAI STAY BACK.
THIS IS SHINOBI WORLD MESSINESS.

IF YOU HAD CONTINUED WITH YOUR ATTACK, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN FURTHER INJURED BY THE BLACK FLAMES.

WHY'D YA INTERFERE, KAZEKAGE ?!

NOT THAT I'M GOING TO FORGIVE YOU EITHER WAY!!

...AND HIS RIGHT EYE CAN CHANGE THE CHAKRA FORM OF AMATERASU'S BLACK FLAMES...
HIS LEFT EYE IGNITES THE AMATERASU...

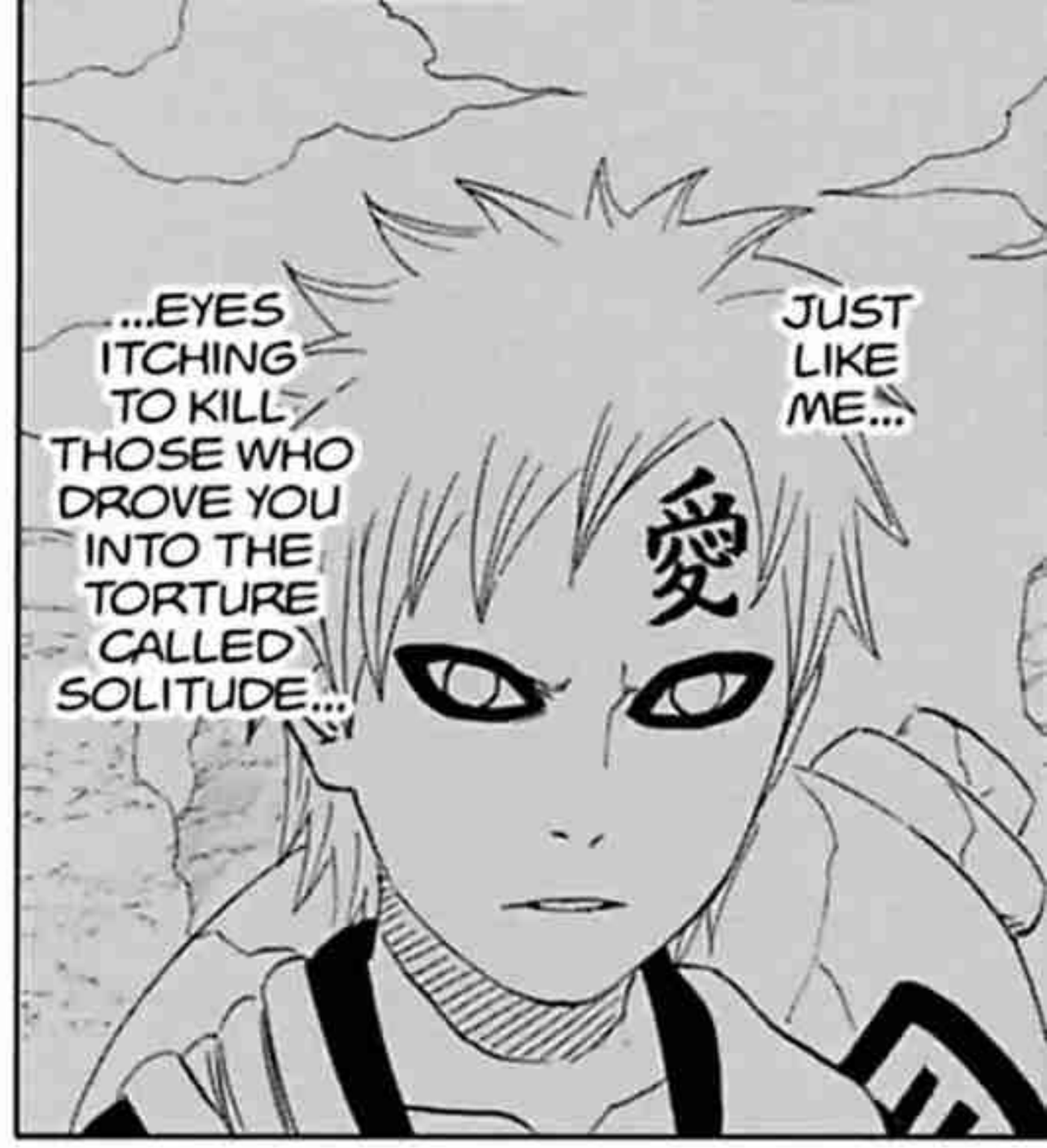
...AND HE SURVIVED TWO HEAVY ATTACKS...
UCHIHA GOT THROUGH LORD RAIKAGE'S RAITON ARMOR...
YES, SIR!

...WHICH MEANS THAT PROGRESS IS STILL OCCURRING IN OUR SHINOBI WORLD...
PERHAPS BEE TRULY WAS CAPTURED BY THIS SASUKE...

YOUR EYES ARE STILL AS THEY WERE IN THE PAST...

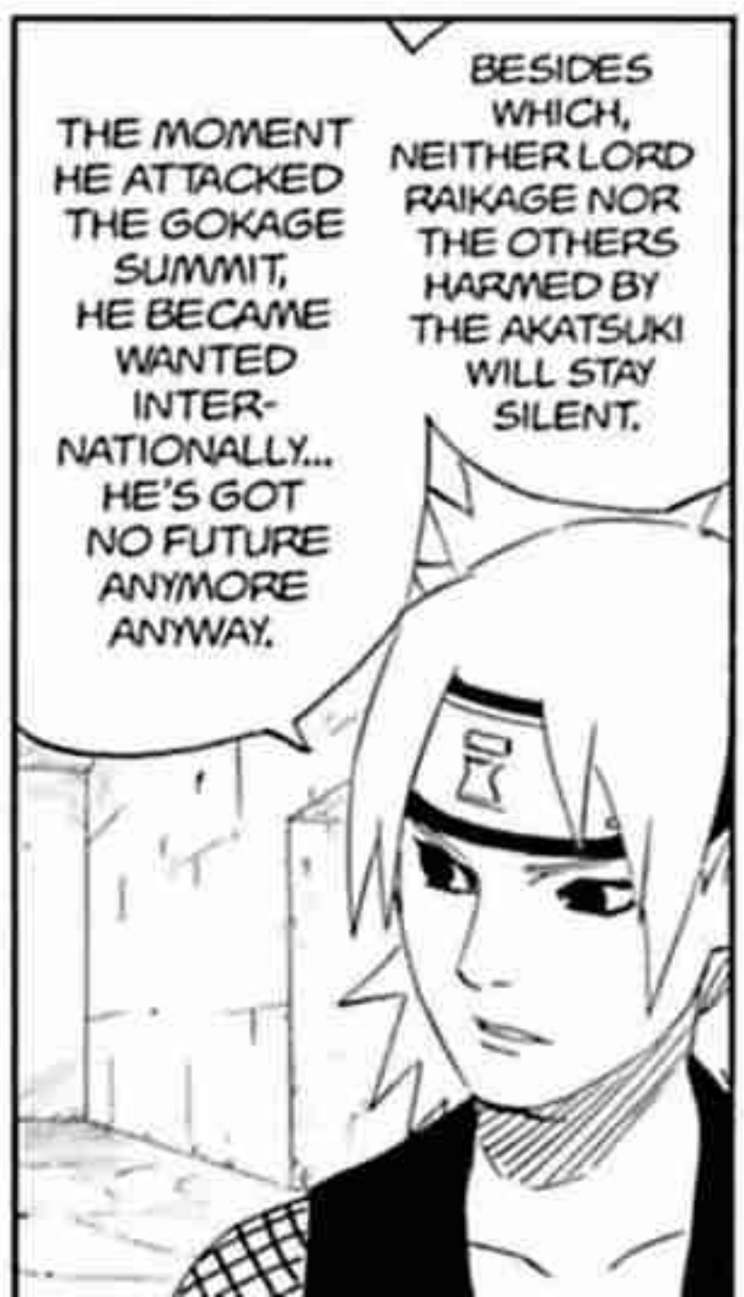
...EYES SEEKING STRENGTH, SPILLING OVER WITH HATRED AND INTENT TO KILL...
愛
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. YOU HAVE EYES LIKE MINE...

愛


...EYES ITCHING TO KILL THOSE WHO DROVE YOU INTO THE TORTURE CALLED SOLITUDE...
JUST LIKE ME...
愛

IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU... DO NOT BE SO OBSESSED BY HATRED THAT YOU ESCAPE INTO A WORLD OF SOLITUDE...
...OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN.
...I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT MAKING VENGEANCE ONE'S BREAD OF LIFE DOES NOT RESOLVE ANYTHING.

...


THE MOMENT HE ATTACKED THE GOKAGE SUMMIT, HE BECAME WANTED INTER-NATIONALLY... HE'S GOT NO FUTURE ANYMORE ANYWAY.
BESIDES WHICH, NEITHER LORD RAIKAGE NOR THE OTHERS HARMED BY THE AKATSUKI WILL STAY SILENT.

HE'S A CRIMINAL WHO'S FALLEN TO THE LEVEL OF THE AKATSUKI... HE'S NOT YOU.
GAARA... IT'S USELESS... IF HE COULD BE CONVINCED, NARUTO WOULDN'T HAVE FAILED.

...WHAT IS THERE FOR ME ON YOUR SIDE?
SO... IF I WERE TO RETURN...

愛
WHETHER IN THE PAST... OR NOW...
THAT'S WHY EVEN A TINY RAY OF LIGHT OUGHT TO REACH YOUR EYES.

...

YOU'VE BEEN WALKING THROUGH THIS WORLD'S DARK-NESS...
SASUKE, YOU'RE A LOT LIKE ME...

THE THINGS I SEEK LIE ONLY IN THE DARK-NESS.
I SHUT MY EYES A LONG TIME AGO...

NEOOOO...

GAARA...
...

REMEM-BER, YOU'RE KAZEKAGE.
DON'T LET YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS INTER-FERE...

愛

YEAH ...

PLOOP...

SWOOSH

...I KNOW!

KLAK

WHAP

SWOOO...

SWOOO...

PLINK

FOUND 'EM! DANZO TOO!

THIS SUMMIT'S FINALLY GETTING INTERESTING.

WE'LL DEAL WITH THEM.
BUT NONE OF YOU BUDGE AN INCH!

I'LL LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M A SENSORY-TYPE TOO.
QUIT WHISPERING AMONGST YOUR-SELVES!
...SO I ALSO KNOW THAT THE ENEMY'S FOUND THIS PLACE.

W-WOW ...

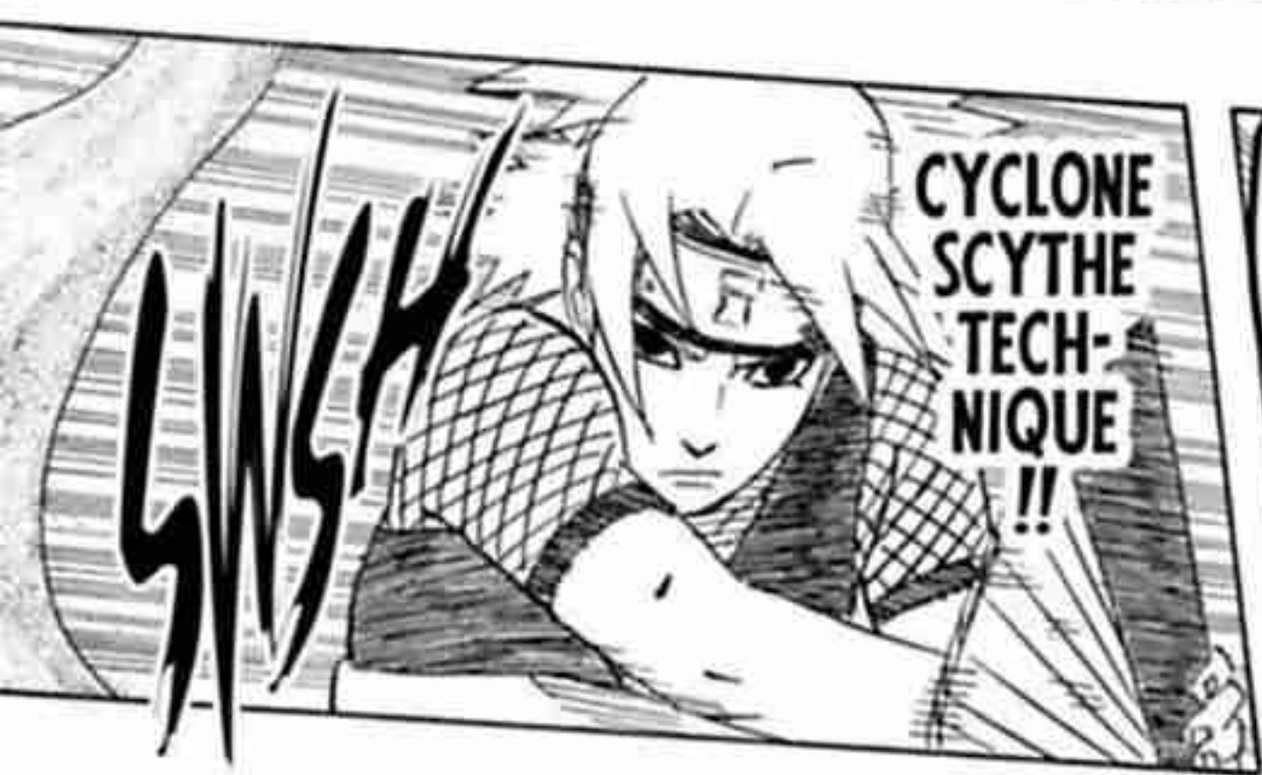
...I GUESS YOUR ABSOLUTE DEFENSE IS STILL GOING STRONG.
YOU BLOCK MY ENTON SO EFFEC-TIVELY...

愛

I'LL MAKE THE FIRST STRIKE! THEN YOU ALL CAN FOLLOW UP!
FWP FWP
I'LL JOIN FORCES WITH YOU, SAND FOLK!!
SHUP

ARE YOU DONE YET, SHEE ?!
SHHHH...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, SIR!

SURE!


SWSH
CYCLONE SCYTHE TECH-NIQUE !!

FWP
GALE STYLE! LASER CIRCUS !!

ZUGO
SAND SHOWER BARRAGE !!

KLAK
PUPPET TRIAD !!
SECRET RED TECH-NIQUE!

YA
BO
OM

!!

G-
G-
G-

?!
TH-THAT WASN'T ?!!
G-
G-

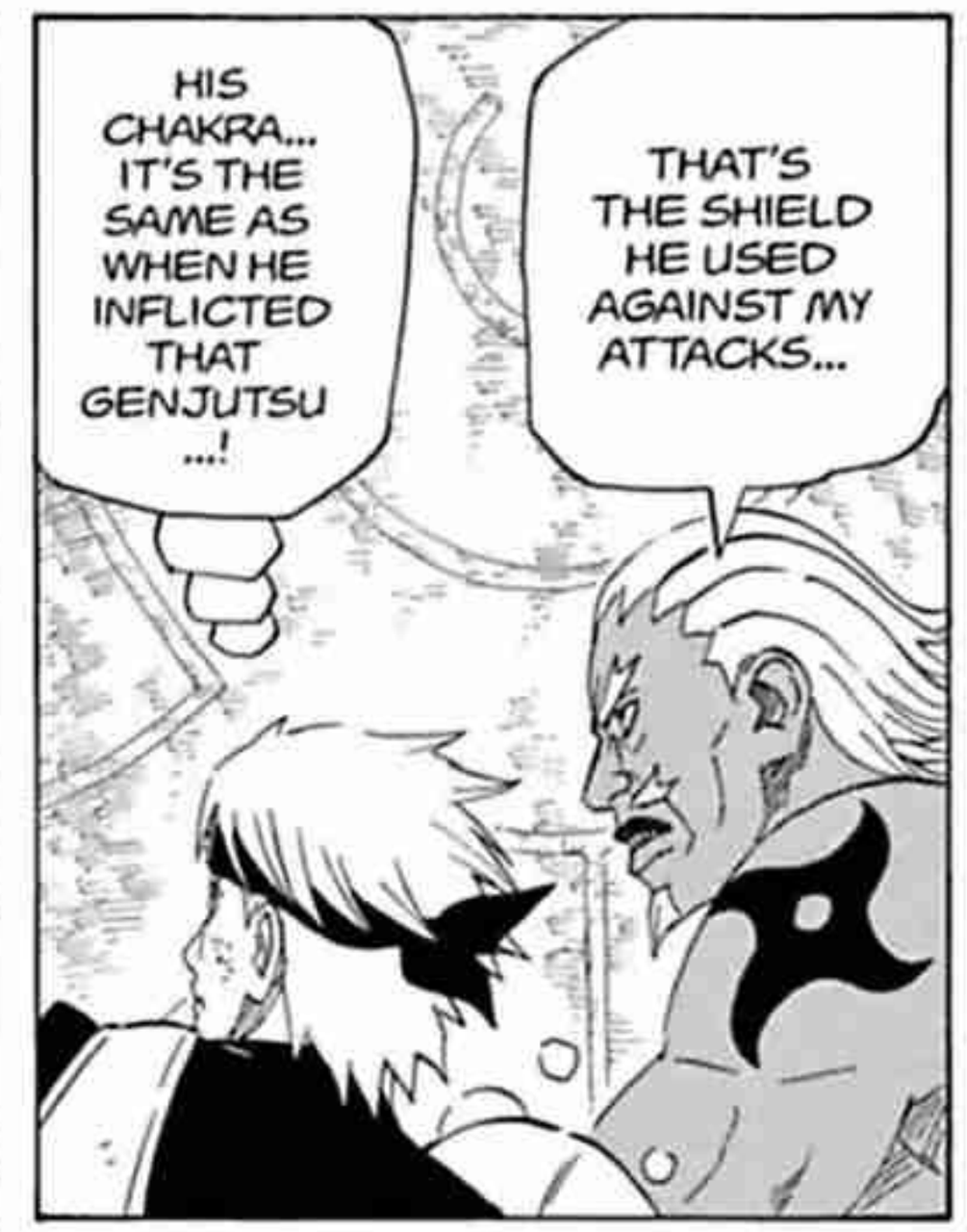
KA
KA
KA
KA
D-
D-
D-
D-
D-
D-

THOOM

BUT GAARA... I'VE GOT AN ABSOLUTE DEFENSE THAT'S EVEN GREATER THAN YOURS.

WAS THIS... WHAT HE WANTED ?!
UNH...

UH-OH... THIS DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD...


HIS CHAKRA... IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN HE INFLICTED THAT GENJUTSU ...!
THAT'S THE SHIELD HE USED AGAINST MY ATTACKS...

THE POWER... OF DARKNESS, HUH...
愛

WHAT... IS THAT?

IT'S SO COLD...!!
...SASUKE'S CHAKRA... IT'S DIFFERENT ...

THE THIRD POWER... THE SUSANO'O.
A POWER THAT ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE AWAKENED THE MANGEKYO IN BOTH EYES CAN ACHIEVE...

...ooo

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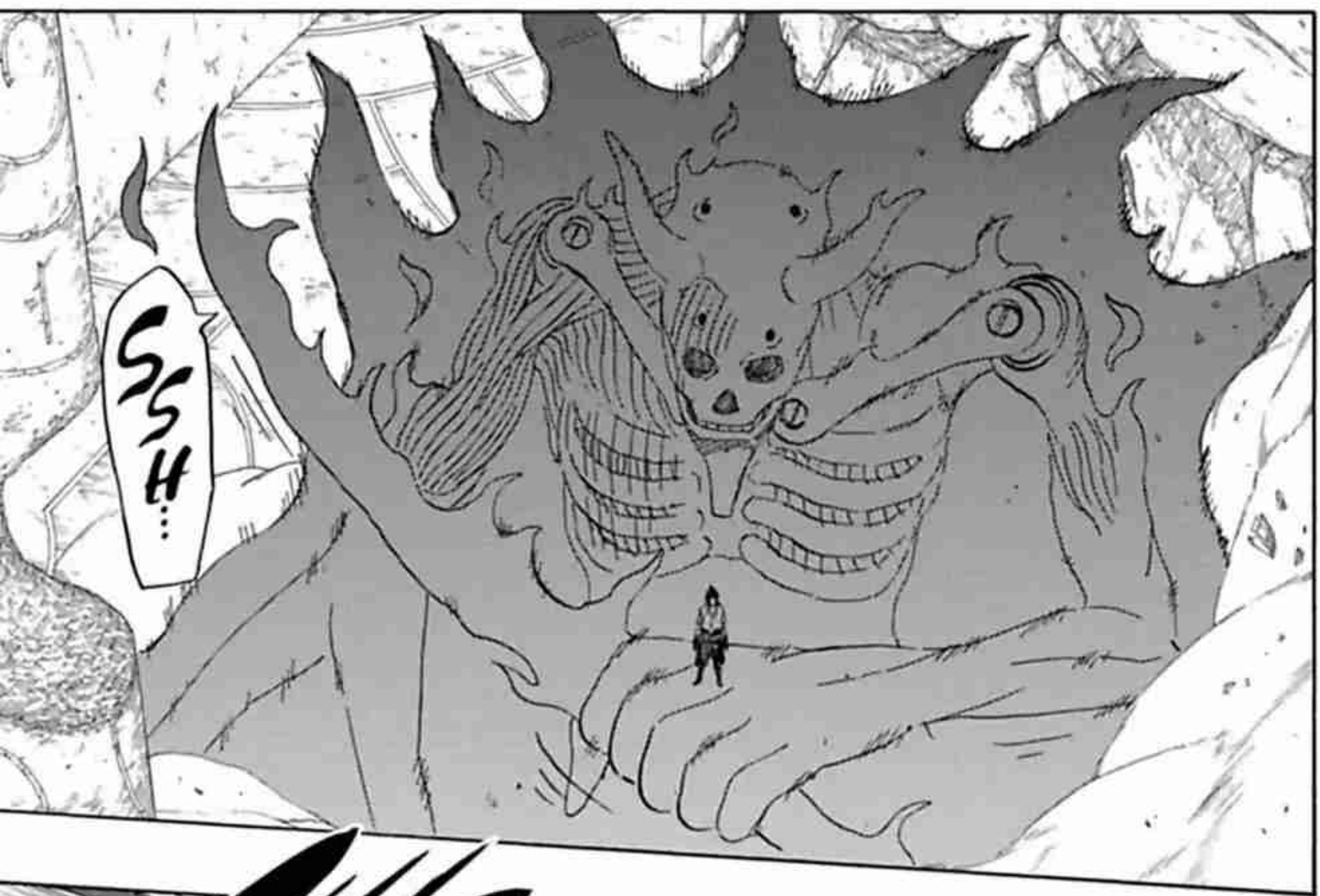


Number 465: The Summit Hall Attacked!

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
WHAT?! HEY!!
WAAAH!
D-D-D-D-D-D-
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
D-D-D-D-

CLANG CLANG
!

KLAK

AIEE!

!!
SWOOO...

!!

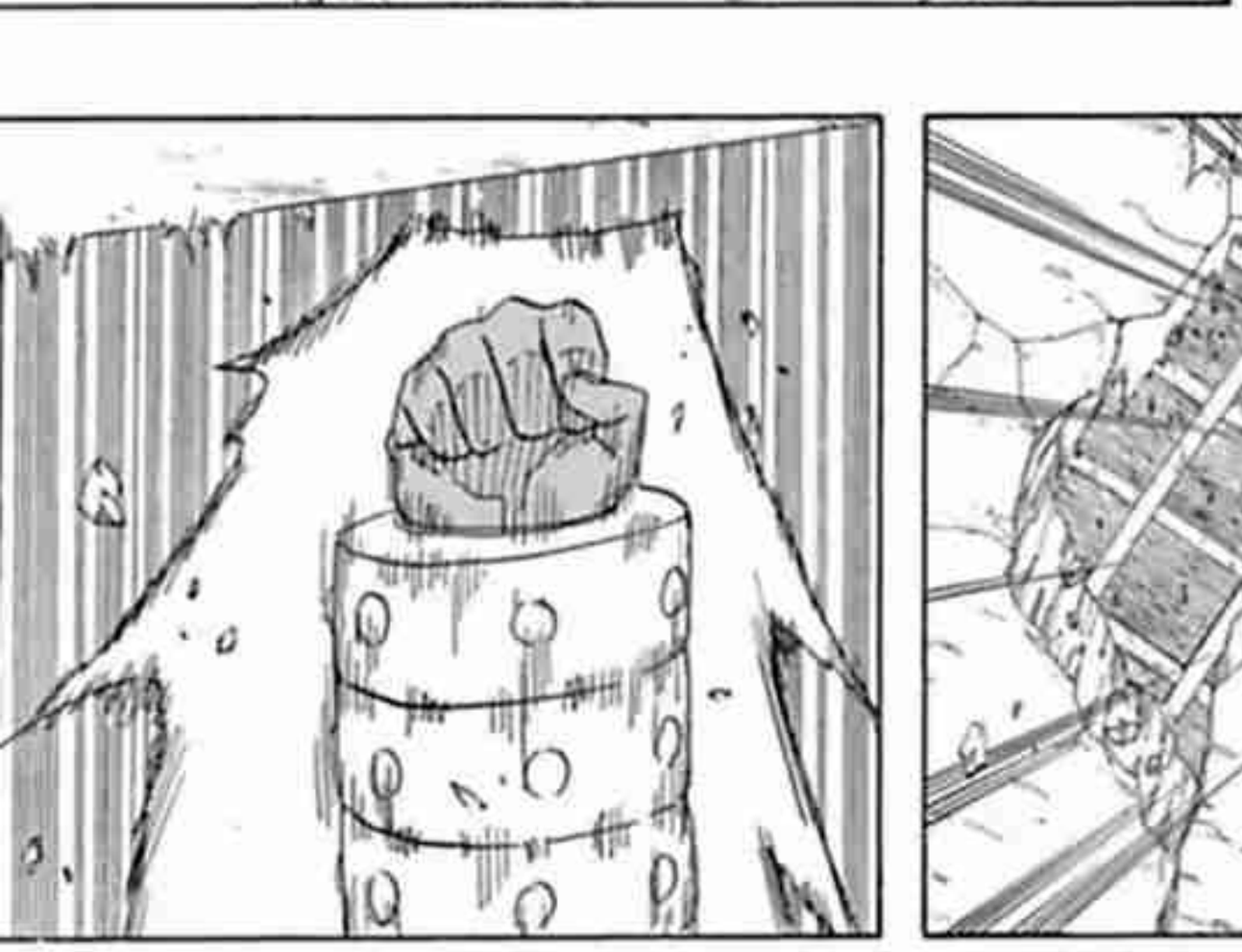
UNH...

UGH!!

HAVE YOU PIN-POINTED DANZO'S LOCATION ?!

WHAT'S... HAPPENED TO YOU, SASUKE?!
A-ALL RIGHT ...

HURRY UP AND TAKE ME THERE!


JONK...

BLOP

GO
THOOM
KKK
THOO

THANK YOU... SIR KAZEKAGE ...

READ THIS WAY
...!
I WONDER HOW SASUKE, KARIN AND JUGO FARED ...?
THANKS TO THE DESTRUCTION, I GOT FREE OF THAT HATCHET... BUT NOW...
UNH...
TWITCH
ZWWWW
ZWUP
I CAN STILL... MAKE IT...
ZWOOO...

PULAAAT

PSHHH
ZWWWWWWWWWW

SWOO

BOOP BOOP
GOOD ...!

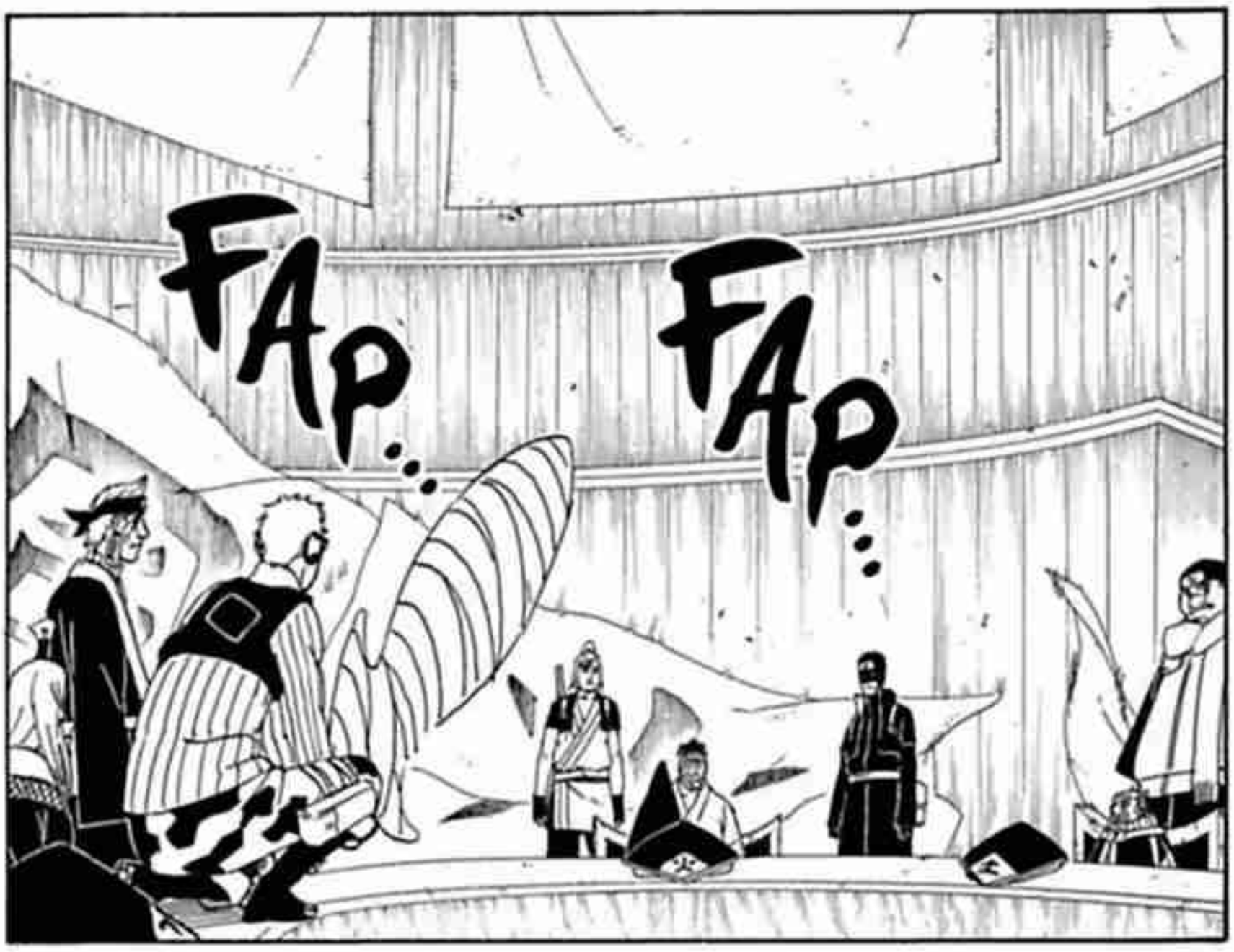
SWO...

...

HE'S COME!

SPLICH

ABOVE!


FAP
FAP

!

待
ちぶ

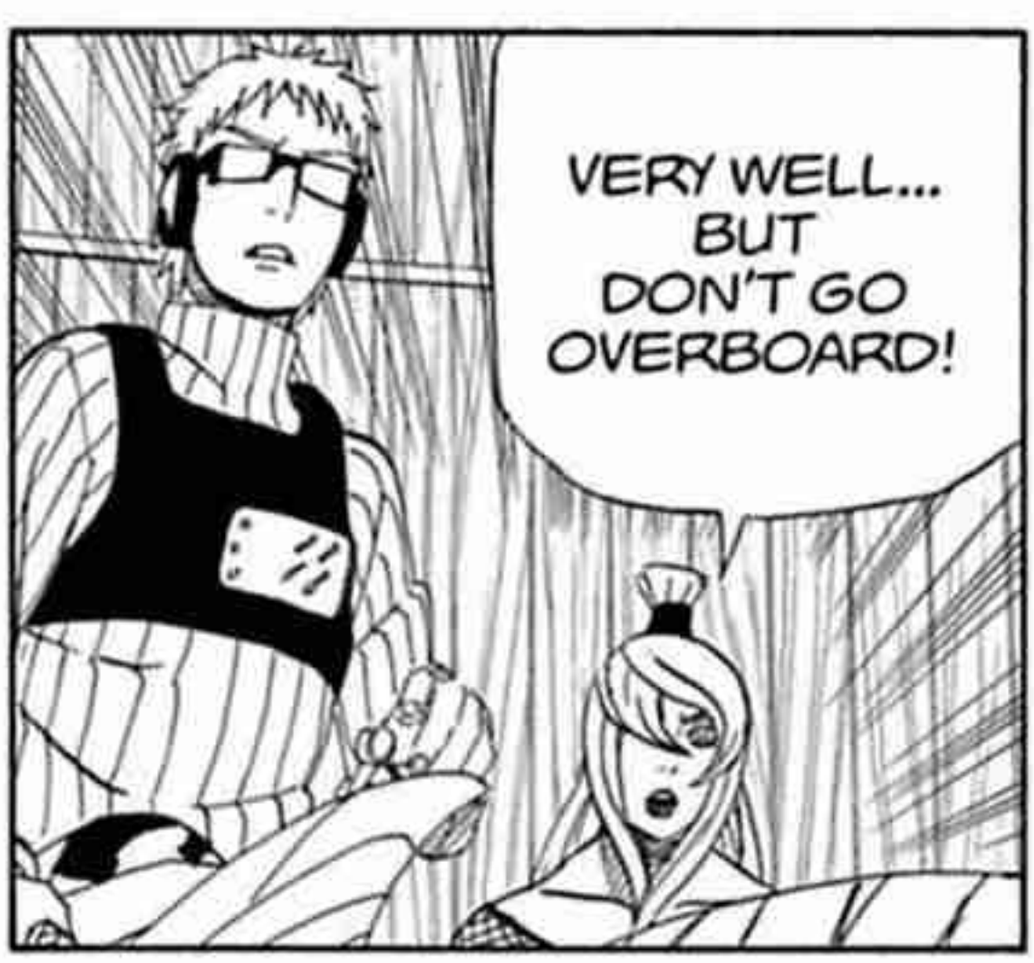
!!

YOU'RE GOOD.
SASUKE! DANZO'S BOLTED!
TAK

SHOOM

TMP

SHUP SHUP
NO!


VERY WELL... BUT DON'T GO OVERBOARD!

I SHALL PURSUE DANZO!
LORD MIZUKAGE AND CHOJURO, STAY HERE!
SINCE THE SUMMIT HAS NOT BEEN CON-CLUDED!
TMP

READ THIS WAY
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.
I GOTTA COVER MY BACK...
...SO YOU ALL FEEL FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE.
TAK
I LEAVE THE AKATSUKI CRIMINALS TO YOU.
YES, MA'AM!
EEK ...!
TAK
!!
KARIN, COME!
DMP

SHOOM

DWOOOP
SKLOP...

SKLOOP
DRIP
DRIP

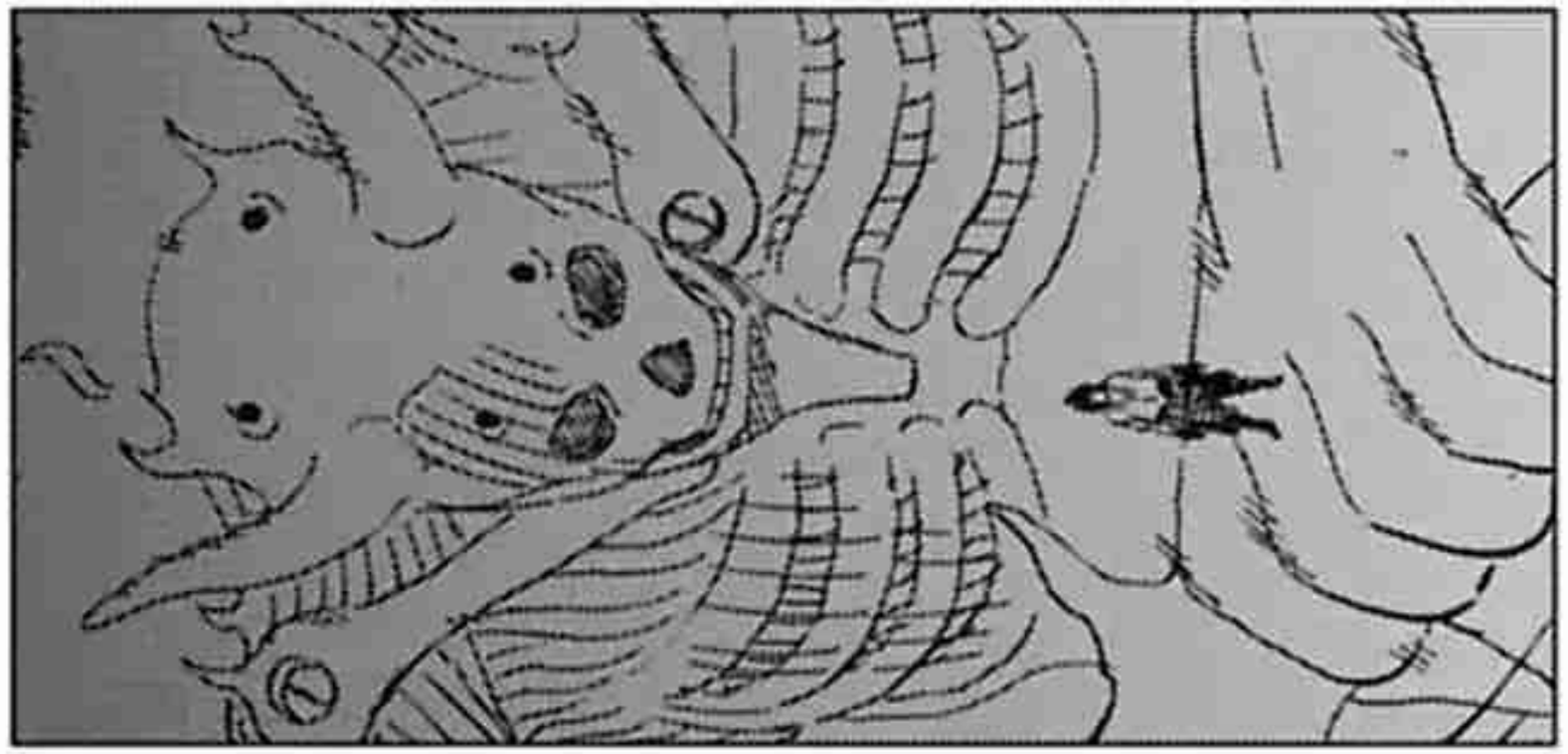
BLOP
BLOP
BLOP

YOU OF THE AKATSUKI, WHO TRAMPLED ALL OVER KIRIGAKURE ...
...AND MADE A PLAYTHING OF THE FOURTH MIZUKAGE...
SQUIK

...
GRRRRR

...AND YET, WHEN I LOOK AT YOU CLOSELY... YOU'RE QUITE FETCHING MEN.

YOU UCHIHA FOLK...



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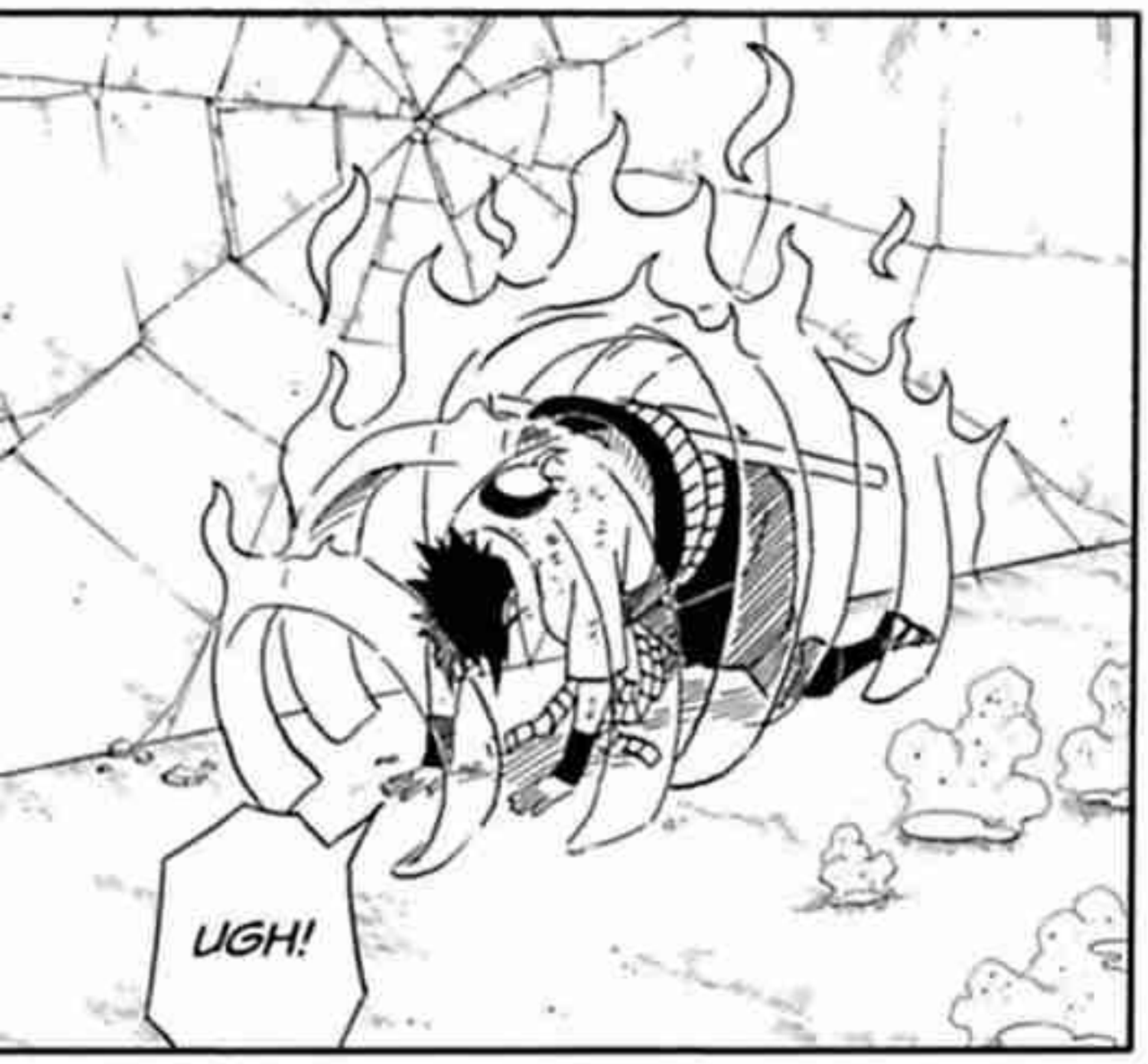
SLOOSH

LAVA STYLE! LAVA MONSTER JUTSU !!

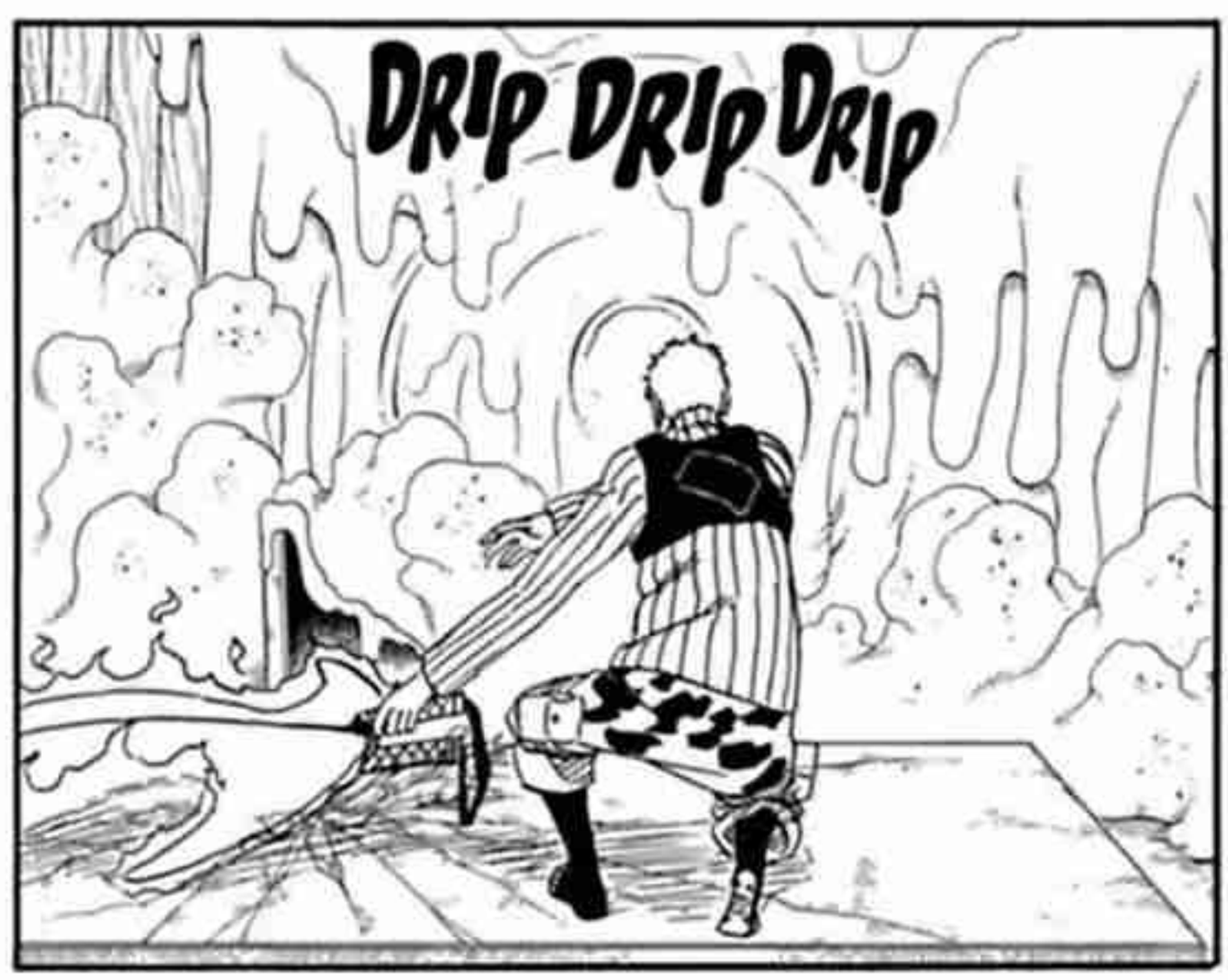
AIEE!
SP
LOOOOO
UNH!
CHOJURO !!
SHOOM
FLIT FLIT
Y-YES, MA'AM!
SHOOM

HIRAME-KAREI RELEASE!!
SHIBO
!
SLAM
WHOP


UGH!

TAK

I THOUGHT IT ODD HIS CHAKRA FLOW STOPPED, BUT...
IS HE... REALLY DEAD?

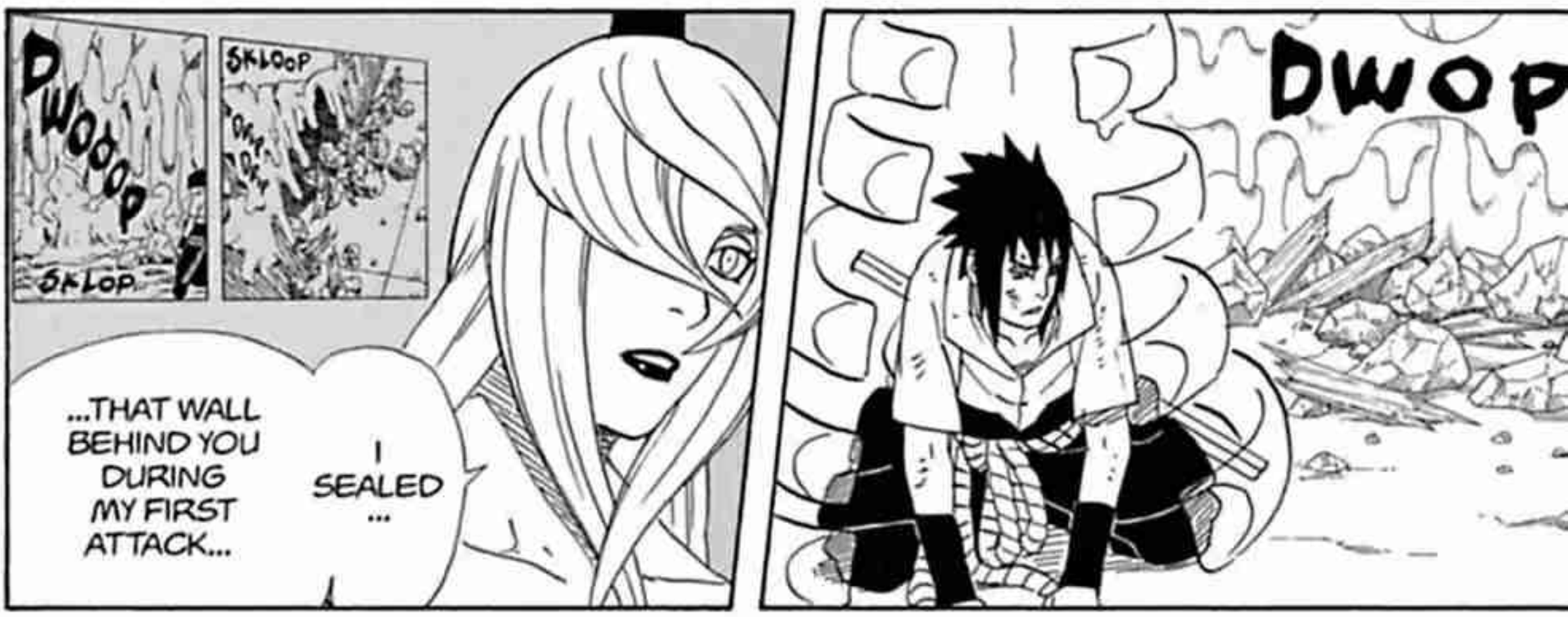

DRIP DRIP DRIP

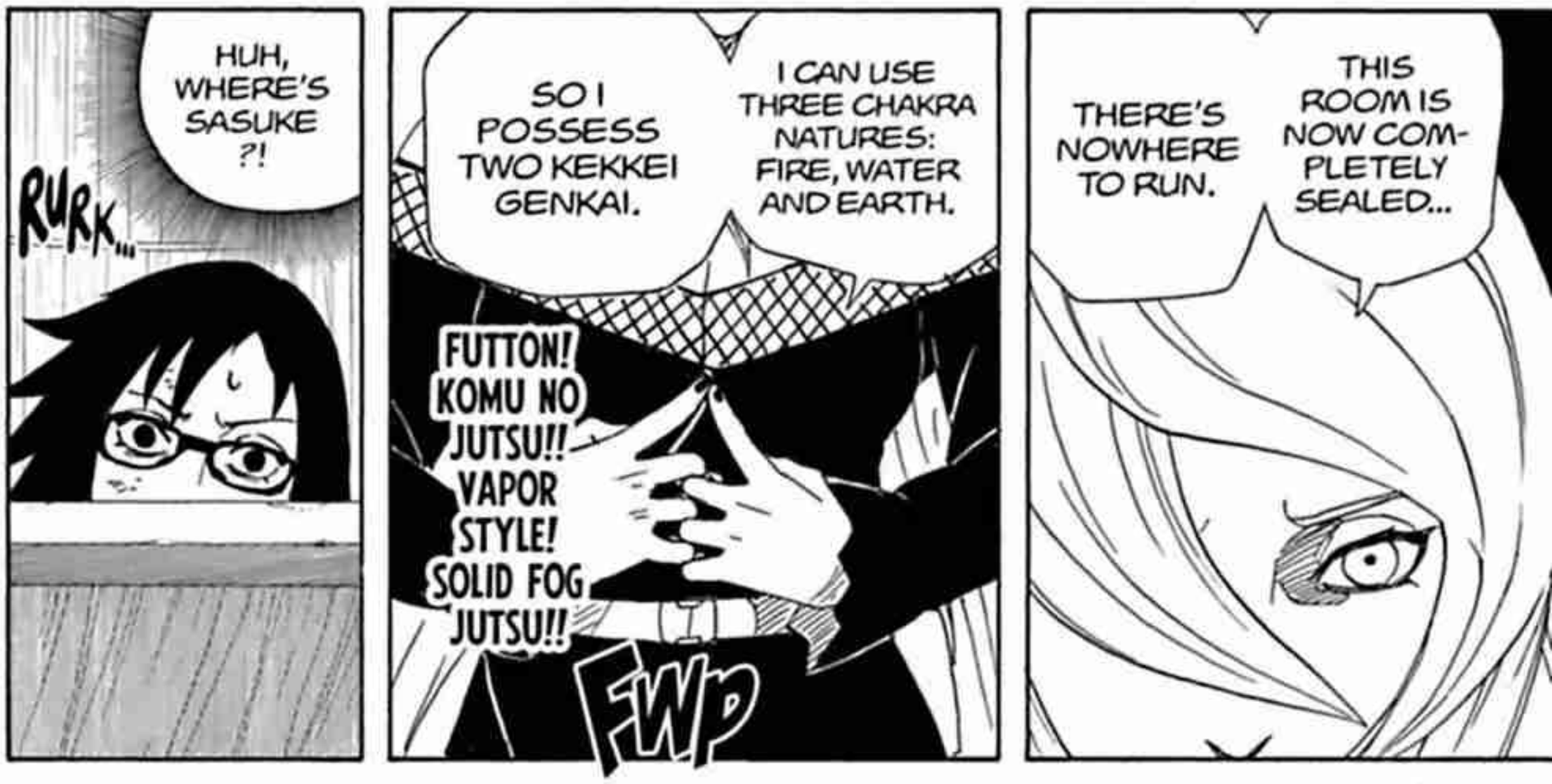
ZWWW

HOW BAD WAS IT FOR ITACHI...?
SO MUCH PAIN, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN ACHIEVED COMPLETE POSSESSION FORM YET...

...IF YOU USE IT CONTINUOUSLY...
ALL MY CELLS HURT... SO THIS IS THE SUSANO'O'S SIDE-EFFECT...
HUF
HUF
HUF

ZIZZIE
DRIP DRIP
NOW IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US...
HUF
HUF
HUF


DWOOP
SKLOP
SKLOOP
...THAT WALL BEHIND YOU DURING MY FIRST ATTACK...
I SEALED ...
DWOP


HUH, WHERE'S SASUKE ?!
RURK...
SO I POSSESS TWO KEKKEI GENKAI.
I CAN USE THREE CHAKRA NATURES: FIRE, WATER AND EARTH.
FUTTON! KOMU NO JUTSU!! VAPOR STYLE! SOLID FOG JUTSU!!
FWP
THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN.
THIS ROOM IS NOW COMPLETELY SEALED...

OOG

THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WALL!

ZZ...
IT'S MELTING SUSANO'O ...

SWOOO
!

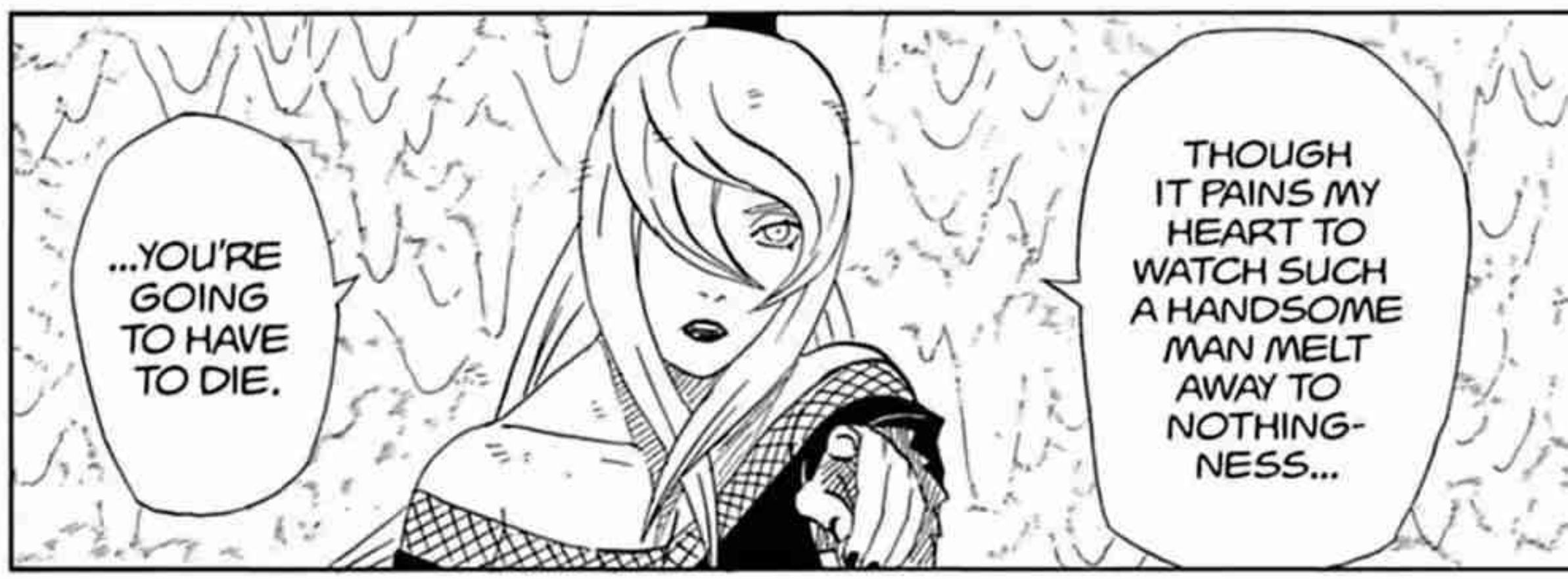
KRAK
KRAK-KRAK
ZWOOO
HAAAAH!!!

HUF
HUF
SH

!
HE ALWAYS PUSHES HIMSELF TOO FAR!!
NO! SASUKE'S CHAKRA IS WEAK-ENING!

THU
?!
NK
HACK

...BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SAVING YOU...
HUF
HUF
HUF
SEEMS YOU GOT PUMMELED BY LORD RAIKAGE DOWN THERE...

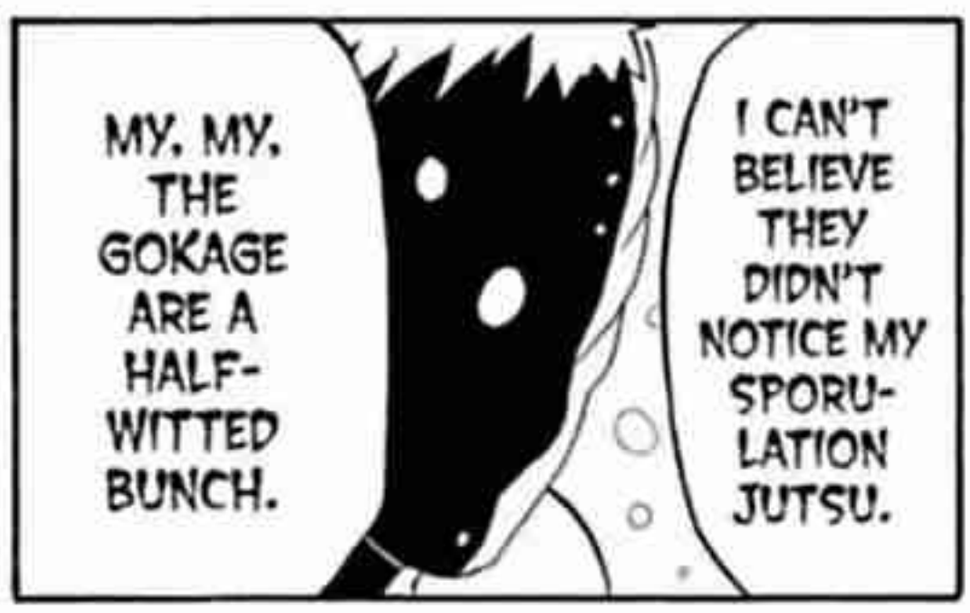

...YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DIE.
THOUGH IT PAINS MY HEART TO WATCH SUCH A HANDSOME MAN MELT AWAY TO NOTHING-NESS...

CORROSIVE ACID MIST.
Zzzizzle

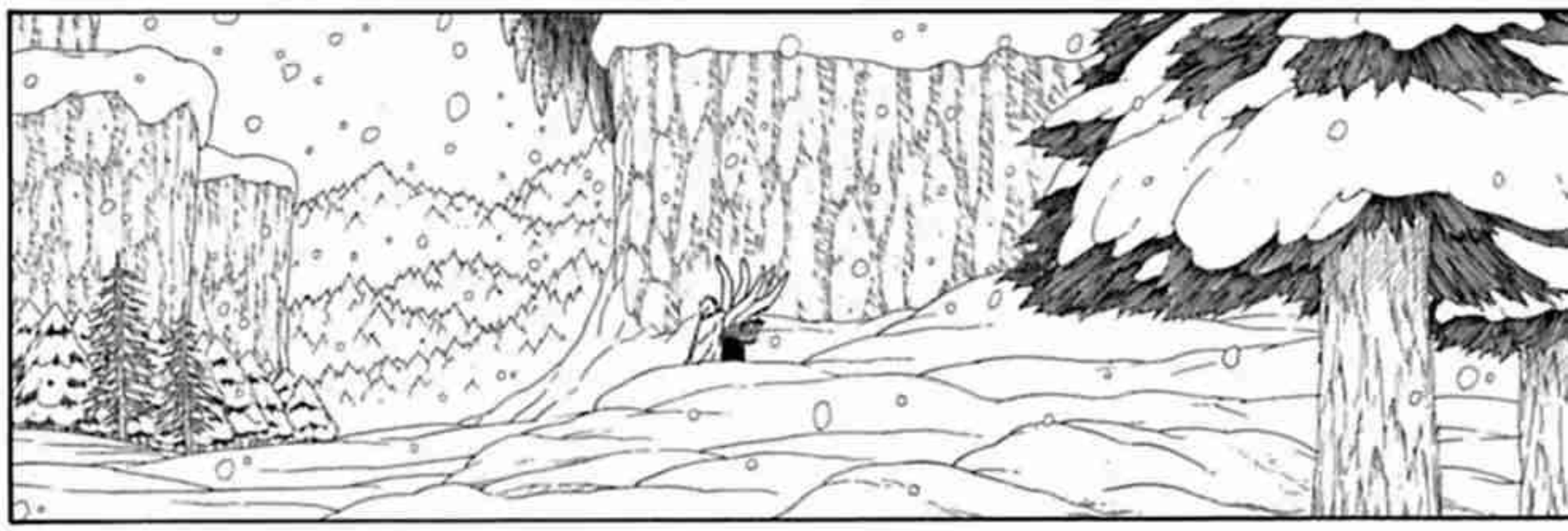
SWOOO...
UGH!

READ THIS WAY
?!
HUF
HUF
WHAT ?!
ZWOP
ZWOP
ZWOP
ZWOP
?!
WHA ?!
?!
WOOO...
WOOO...
Z
?!
WWW
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ZWOO
...
THIS CHAKRA!!
!!

THIS IS... THAT MAN'S...


I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY DIDN'T NOTICE MY SPORU-LATION JUTSU.
MY, MY, THE GOKAGE ARE A HALF-WITTED BUNCH.

ZWOOO...
Y-YOU'RE THAT AKATSUKI FROM EARLIER!



ZWOO
DWOP

HE'S... STEAL-ING MY CHAKRA ....!
SKOOCH
SPLOO

IT'S A TIME-LAPSE JUTSU THAT YOU SET BEFORE THE RAIKAGE TOOK YOU DOWN, ISN'T IT?

SINCE WHEN?!
ZWOOO
HE'S SIPHONING OUR CHAKRAS TO MAKE HIMSELF GROW?!

SHOOK
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

ZWOOO

Zizz
Zizzle
THUNK

MY CHAKRA'S... REGENER-ATING...
!
ZWOO

HUF
HUF
SPLAT

SMA

SH

WAH!

HUF
SHUP
HUF
SWOO

?!

?!

SIGH ...
THE MIST WILL LEAK TO WHERE THE OTHERS ARE... I'VE GOT TO CHANGE ITS PH...!
DWOOOP

SASUKE!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

READ THIS WAY
Z-
G-
G-
SURE!
SHE'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIM...
...SHALL WE JOIN IN, AKATSUCHI?
RURK
CHO
MP
CHAK
ZWOP
PLIINK
CHOMP CHOMP
DOTON! KAJUGAN NO JUTSU!! EARTH STYLE! WEIGHTED BOULDER JUTSU!!
HUMPH!

VRSH

KRSH

AIEE!

...BUT MANY SHINOBI SEEK YOUR DEATH.

I'VE GOT NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU...

FWP

WONK

FWP FWP

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BRAT TOOK DOWN DEIDARA...

WAF WAF

?!

HUF

HUF

THUMP

SWOOO

PARTICLE STYLE! ATOMIC DISMANTLING JUTSU !!

BOOM

TINK TINK

SASUKE !!

THAT'S RIGHT... HIS CHAKRA'S GONE BECAUSE I'VE DISASSEMBLED HIS BODY AT A NEAR-MOLECULAR LEVEL. AND YOU'RE NEXT.

N-NO WAY... DON'T TELL ME...

SASUKE'S CHAKRA ... ...IS GONE ...!!

!!

UNH! YOU!

OOF

TAK TAK

SHUP SHUP

!!
!!

THAT WAS MY PRERO-GATIVE! HOW DARE YOU!!
... WHAT ?!

SO QUIT WHINING, RAIKAGE.
AND YOU WILL STILL... GET TO HAVE A GO AT IT...
WOOO

WHAT IS IT?!

I AM HERE TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU ALL... AND ONCE YOU COMPREHEND IT, I HAVE A QUESTION.
MY NAME IS UCHIHA MADARA.

SASUKE !!

IT'S ABOUT MY PLAN, OPERATION TSUKI NO ME.

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I KNOW, I KNOW!

...YOU HAVE TO FIND NARUTO... OKAY... KIBA?

WHEN WE GET TO THE LAND OF IRON...

WHAT'S WRONG?

SIGH...

SHUP

SHUP

...ANY SEARCH MISSION USUALLY INCLUDES ME...

BUT... JUST 'CUZ 4-MAN CELLS ARE THE STANDARD ...

...SAI WANTS THIS TOP SECRET... AND I NEED TO USE MY NOSE TO SEE IF THE FOUNDATION'S FOLLOWING US!

...I'M SURE SAKURA'S GOT IDEAS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE'S GONNA TELL NARUTO...

INO WON'T STOP CRYING, AND SAKURA'S ALL GRIM...

...BUT IT'S GONNA BE AWKWARD.

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467 : DECLARATION OF WAR.

NARUTO

I CAN'T STAND SHINOBI!

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

...

I'LL REPAIR IT, I PROMISE...

P-PLEASE FORGIVE US.

THAT IS SASUKE'S SHINOBI WAY!!

THE HATE THAT IS HIS STRONGEST WEAPON... HIS FRIEND... AND THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER.

...AND PLANS TO RAM THAT CURSE OF HATRED INTO THE WORLD.

SASUKE HAS SHOULDERED THE ENTIRE BURDEN OF UCHIHA HATRED...

SASUKE CHOSE THIS PATH ON HIS OWN.

READ THIS WAY
!
YUP... AND ALL THANKS TO SASUKE.
SHEE'S RIGHT! THE HOKAGE FLED!
KLIK
VER
FWOP
BLAST
?!!

ZWOO

ZWOO

IT WON'T EVEN MAKE SENSE!
NOTHING PLANNED BY THE AKATSUKI CAN BE GOOD!

SASUKE'S ...!!
!!

FSH
CALM DOWN, RAIKAGE.
LET'S HEAR HIM OUT.
SSH
GRRRR ...!

...AND IT'LL DEPEND ON YOUR RE-SPONSE.
THEN LISTEN TO MY EXPLANA-TION...
PLUNK

ZWOP
RETURN SASUKE!

A-I-EEE!
WOO
GO HEAL SASUKE ...

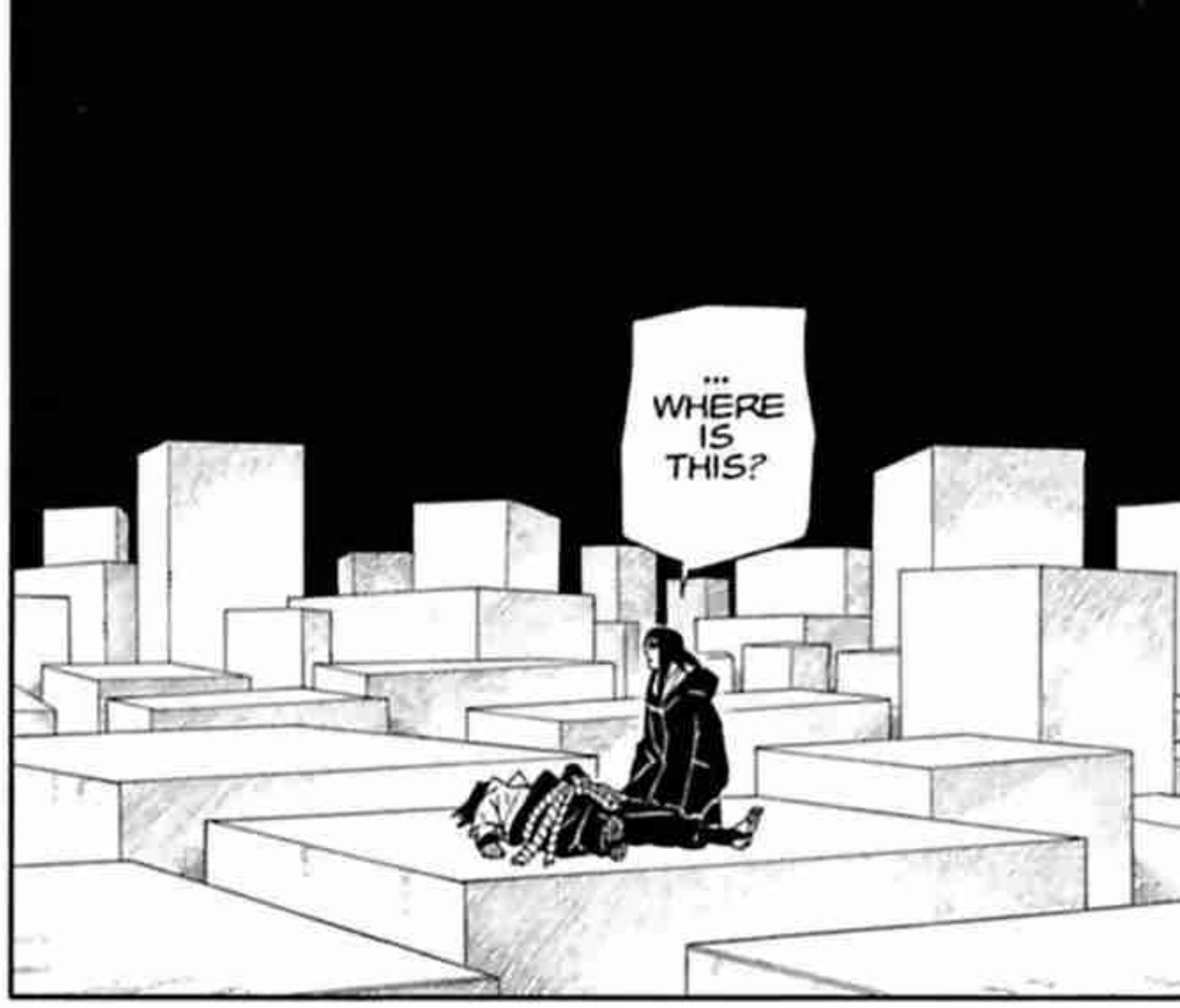
FAP
!

?!

LOOKS LIKE TELEPOR-TATION NINJUTSU.
SO THAT'S HIS ABILITY, EH...

ZOM

NOW... ARE YOU FINALLY PREPARED TO LISTEN...
...ALL?
TAK


... WHERE IS THIS?

IF HE BATTLES THE GOKAGE, HE'LL HONE HIS OCULAR POWERS EVEN FURTHER...
...WHICH IS WHY I SENT HIM IN HERE.
SHARINGAN THAT ACTUALLY ACQUIRE THE SUSANO'O ARE RARE...
I LIKE TO STOCK GOOD EYES.

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO WIN SASUKE OVER?

BUT I AM ALSO CONFUSED... WHY DO YOU OF ALL PEOPLE HAVE TO ENGAGE IN SUCH ROUNDABOUT TACTICS?
I AM TRULY SURPRISED THAT THE INFAMOUS UCHIHA MADARA IS STILL ALIVE ...
WITH YOUR POWER, YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO EASILY BRING ANY PLAN TO FRUITION.

HOS-TAGES ...? WHAT-EVER FOR?!
TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH FULFILL-MENT OF OPERA-TION TSUKI NO ME, THE EYE OF THE MOON!

...GUESS THAT WAS TOO MUCH TO ASK.
I WAS HOPING TO WEAKEN THE GOKAGE, TAKE SOME HOSTAGES...

SO THIS PLAN OF YOURS... IT'S TO RESTORE YOUR POWER?

I AM LITTLE MORE THAN A SHELL OF MY FORMER SELF.
THE INJURIES I SUSTAINED DURING MY BATTLE AGAINST THE FIRST HOKAGE HASHIRAMA WERE TOO SEVERE... I CURRENTLY HAVE LITTLE POWER.

FOR THAT LENGTHY STORY... I'LL NEED TO SIT MYSELF DOWN.
FSH
...

WHAT IS THIS OPERATION TSUKI NO ME ?!
WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING?!

BUT THERE'S MUCH MORE TO IT.
HMM... I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT...

?
愛

SHP

WHAT KIND OF PLAN IS IT?!

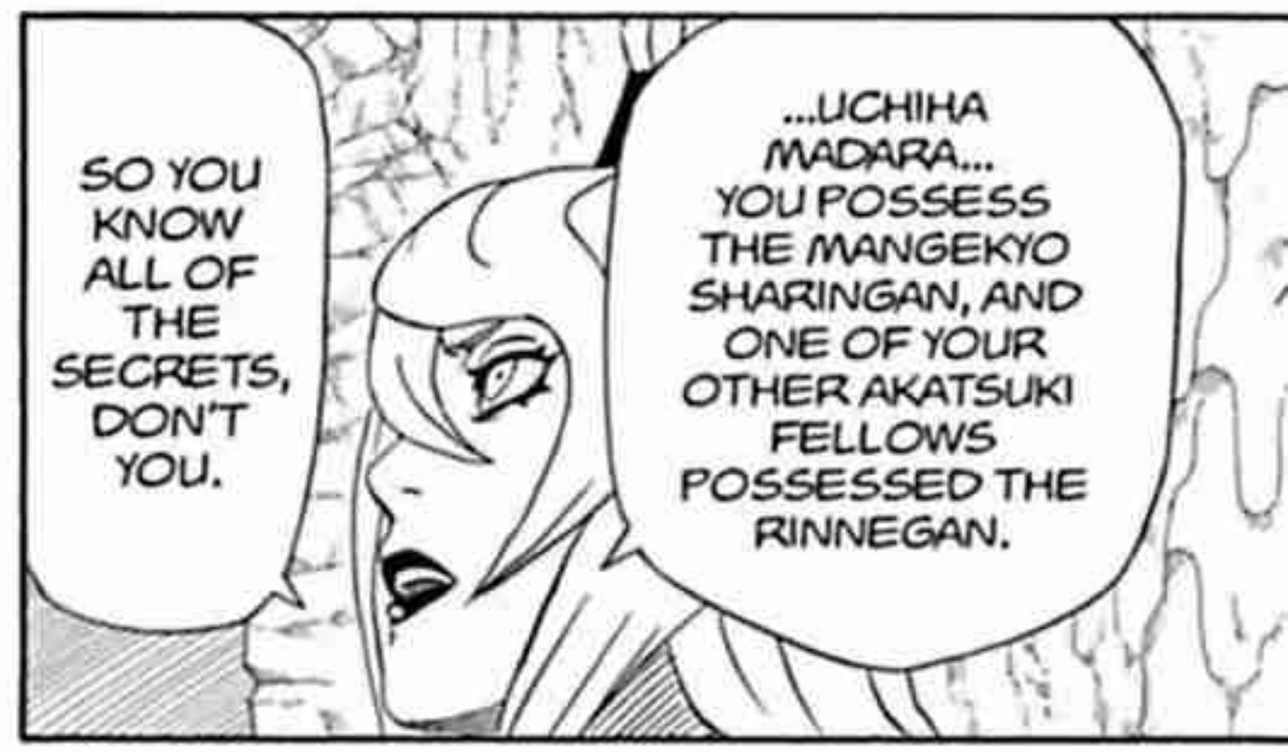
AND RESULT IN A COMPLETE POSSESSION FORM THAT UNITES ALL.

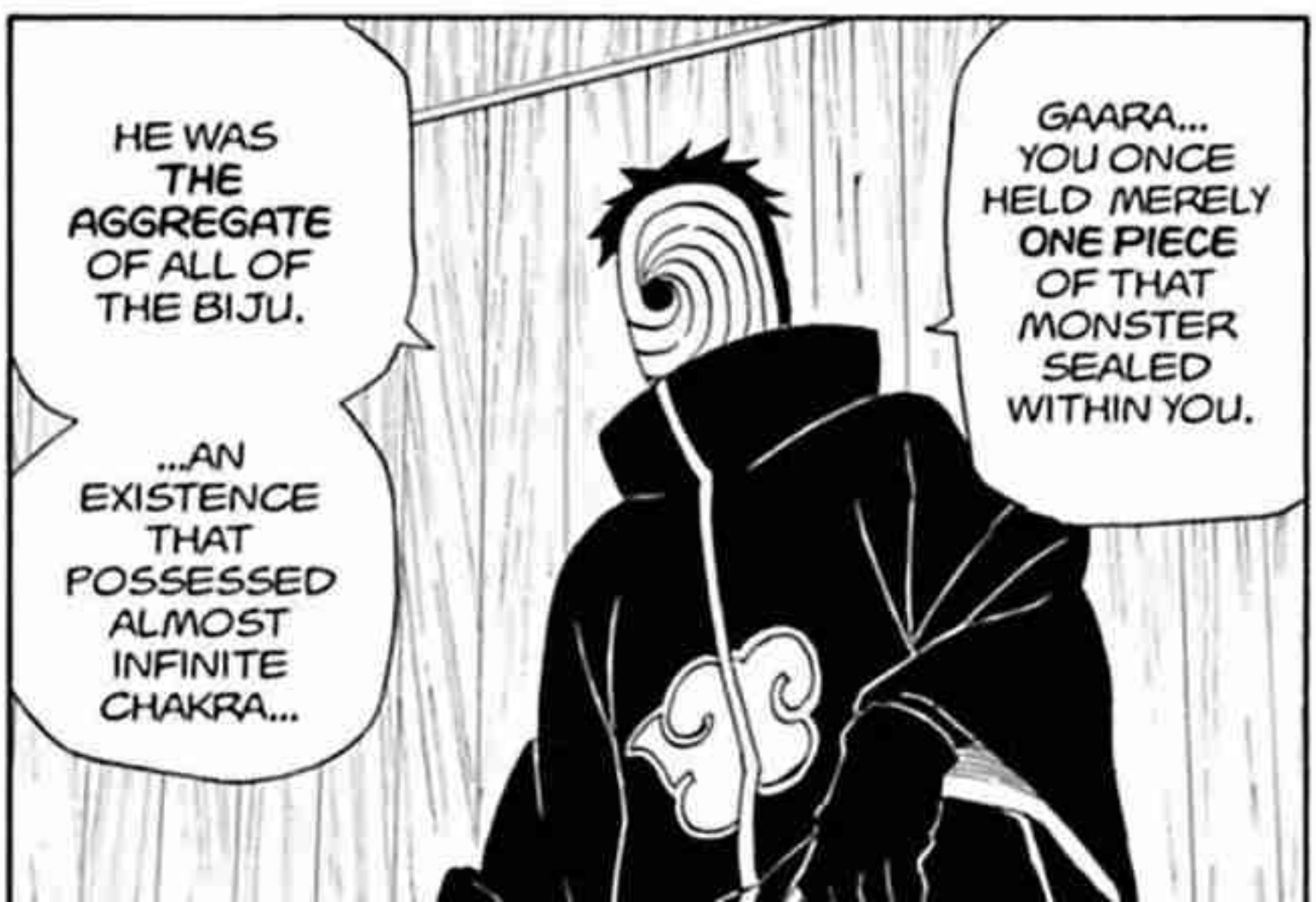
ALL SHALL BECOME ONE WITH ME!

READ THIS WAY
THERE IS AN ANCIENT STONE TABLET PASSED DOWN WITHIN THE UCHIHA CLAN.
IT STILL EXISTS IN A ROOM UNDERNEATH KONOHA.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
GRRR
BECOME ONE...?
UNITE ALL...?
THEY CANNOT BE READ WITHOUT OCULAR POWERS.
WITH THE SHARINGAN, THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN, AND RINNEGAN, RESPECTIVELY, MORE AND MORE KNOWLEDGE IS PROGRESSIVELY REVEALED.
UPON IT ARE WRITTEN SECRETS ENGRAVED BY THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS HIMSELF.
WHAT HAS THIS SAGE OF SIX PATHS HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR PLAN, EH?!
YOU DIGRESS !
!
!
THUM
IT IS THE TRUTH. HE DID INDEED EXIST.
AND HE LEFT THIS STONE TABLET BEHIND.
THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS ...?
YOUR TALE IS BECOMING PROGRES-SIVELY FANTASTICAL.

DO YOU KNOW WHY HE CAME TO BE A LEGENDARY FIGURE THAT IS REVERED LIKE A GOD OF SHINOBI?

THAT IS WHERE THE LINK BETWEEN THAT MAN AND MY PURPOSES LIES.





...TEN TAILS.

...HE WAS AN AGGREGATE OF ALL OF THE BIJU.
I JUST TOLD YOU...

I THOUGHT THE BIJU ONLY WENT UP TO NINE TAILS?!

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...AND THAT NINJUTSU IS STILL BEING SECRETLY PASSED DOWN TO THIS DAY. IT IS THE SEALING JUTSU PROCESS OF JINCHÛRIKI... THE SAGE...

THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS DEVELOPED A CERTAIN NINJUTSU IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE WORLD FROM TEN TAILS...

SO THAT'S WHY THE AKATSUKI WERE COLLECTING THE BIJU...

I DON'T LIKE WHERE THIS IS HEADING...

HE SEALED TEN TAILS WITHIN HIMSELF TO SUPPRESS THE MONSTER.

...WAS TEN TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI.

...BY THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS' HAND.

THE NINE CURRENT BIJU, FROM ONE TAIL TO NINE TAILS, ARE MERELY CREATURES CONTAINING TEN TAILS' CHAKRA SPLIT UP...

WHAT JUTSU?!

A CERTAIN JUTSU?!

WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?!

A SUPER-GENJUTSU WHERE I PROJECT MY EYE OFF OF THE MOON'S SURFACE.

AN INFINITE TSUKUYOMI ...

AND BECOME TEN TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI.

REVIVE TEN TAILS!

...AND LAUNCH A CERTAIN JUTSU.

I WOULD THEN USE THAT POWER TO MULTIPLY MY OCULAR POWERS...

SO YOU'RE TRYING TO REASSEMBLE THOSE NINE SEPARATED CHAKRAS...

...IN OTHER WORDS, ALL OF THE BIJU, AND OBTAIN THAT IMMENSE, INHUMAN POWER. I UNDERSTAND THAT.

BUT... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THAT POWER?

THIS TALE IS RIDICULOUS... WHAT HUMAN CAN DO SUCH THINGS?

AS TEN TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI, THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS...

...HAD ALREADY ADVANCED BEYOND THE REALM OF HUMANITY.

HE SEALED AWAY THE CHAKRA-LESS BODY OF THE MONSTER AND HURLED IT INTO THE SKY.

AND IT BECAME THE MOON.

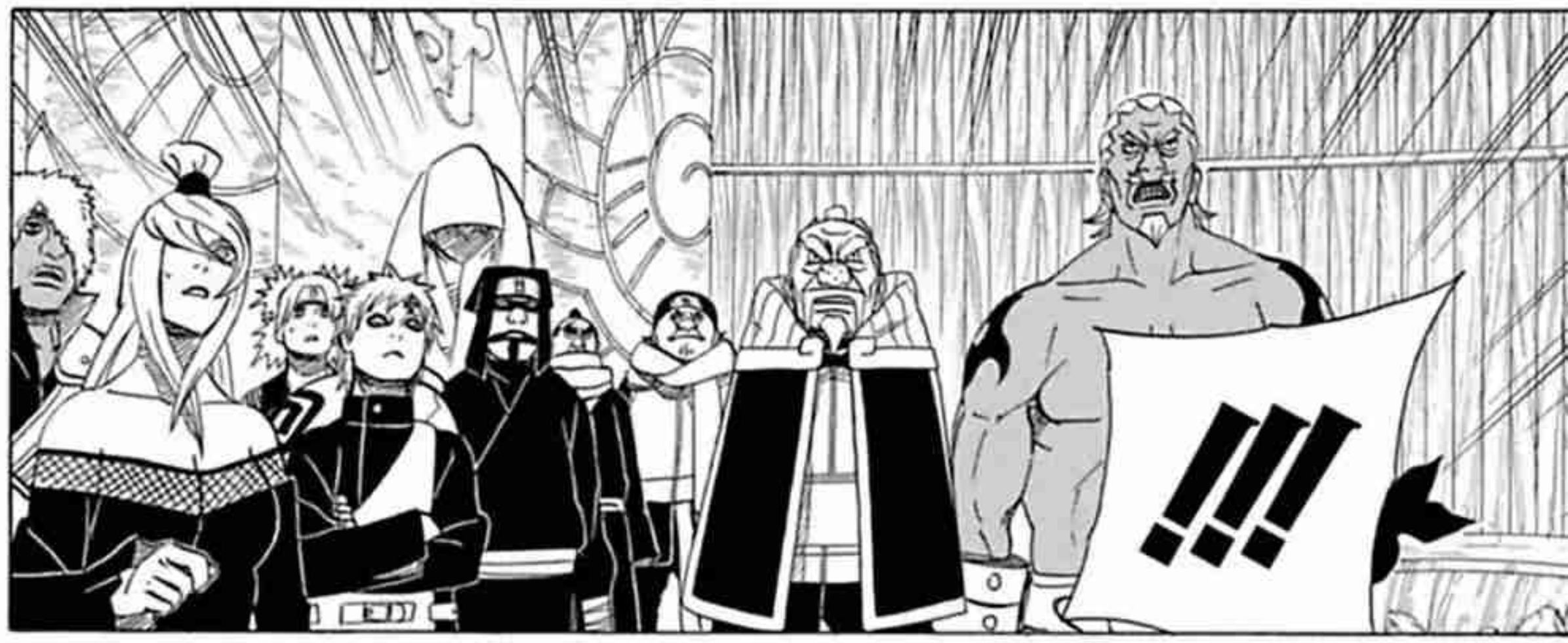
FOR SAVING HUMANITY, THE SAGE WAS REVERED LIKE A GOD.

BUT THE SAGE FEARED THAT UPON HIS DEATH, THE SEAL WOULD COME UNDONE AND TEN TAILS' IMMENSE CHAKRA WOULD RE-EMERGE.

SO IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS, THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS USED THE LAST OF HIS STRENGTH TO PARTITION TEN TAILS' CHAKRA INTO NINE PIECES AND SCATTER THEM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.

BY CONTROLLING THEM ALL, I SHALL UNIFY THE WORLD!

ALL HUMANS LIVING ON THIS EARTH UNDER MY GENJUTSU!



THERE'S NO HOPE, NO DREAMS! IT'S JUST AN ESCAPE!

SO WHAT DOES EXIST INSIDE SUCH A GENJUTSU WORLD ?!

PEACE IS ONLY MEANING-FUL WHEN IT IS ACTUALLY ACHIEVED FOR REAL.

PEACE THAT EXISTS ONLY AS ILLUSION IS JUST THAT... AN ILLUSION!

I'M NOT HANDING THE WORLD OVER TO *YOU*!!

INSANE !!

HEH HEH HEH... AND YET WHAT HAVE YOU GOKAGE ACCOMPLISHED?

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE...

...BUT YOUR PLAN SMACKS MORE OF YOU WANTING TO MAKE THE WORLD YOURS AND YOURS ONLY THAN TRULY UNITING THE WORLD.

UNITE THE WORLD, EH...

INTERESTING THAT DANZO MENTIONED SOMETHING SIMILAR...

TO HOPE IS EQUIVALENT TO GIVING UP... AND IS THE BIGGEST DECEPTION OF ALL.

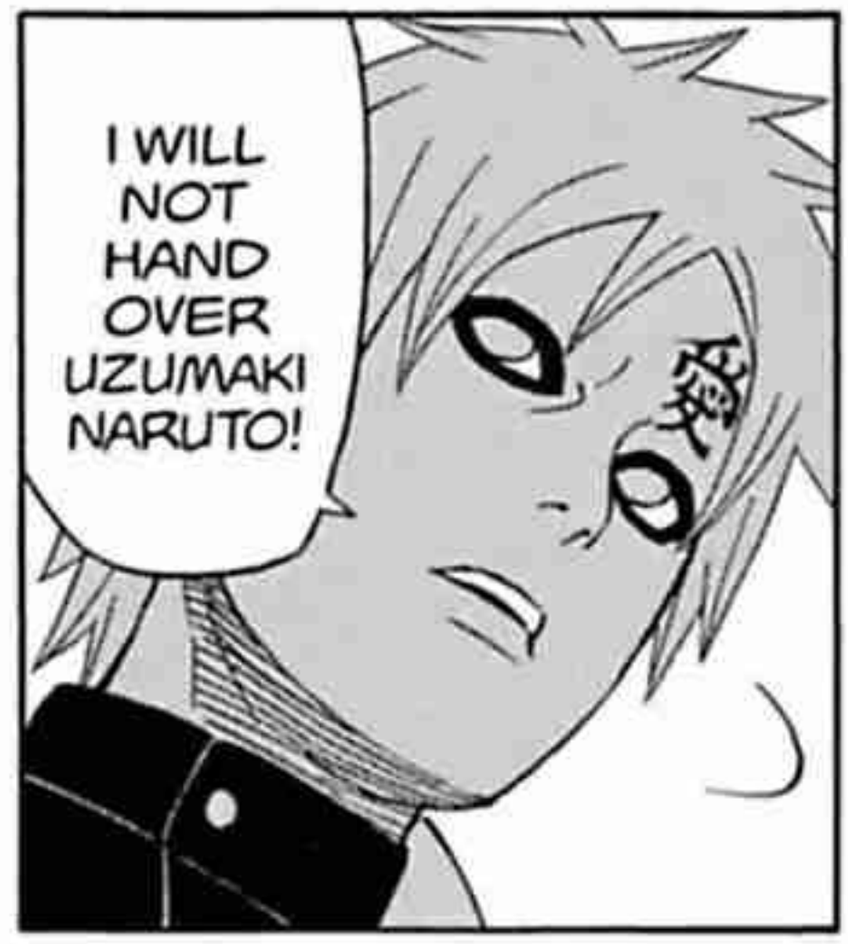
...THERE IS NO HOPE!

SO HAND OVER THE REMAINING TWO, EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS...

...COOPERATE.

OR THIS IS WAR.

OF COURSE I WON'T HAND OVER MY LITTLE BROTHER!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, RAIKAGE?
NOR WILL I!


I WILL NOT HAND OVER UZUMAKI NARUTO!

NEITHER WILL WE ABANDON OUR HOPE.

YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING.
I MAY NOT HAVE ANY STRENGTH... BUT I DO HAVE THE POWERS OF THE SEVEN OTHER BIJU THAT I HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED.

...THEN I HEREBY DECLARE WAR ON YOU ALL... THE FOURTH GREAT NINJA WAR.
VERY WELL ...

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?!!

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT?!

THE FOURTH GREAT NINJA WAR...?

...

I WOULD NEVER SAY SUCH A THING IN JEST.

WE WILL NEXT MEET ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

ZOOKS

...

LORD RAIKAGE, YOU OPPOSED BEFORE?

IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN COUNTER THE POWER OF SEVEN BIJU.
FORM AN ALLIED SHINOBI FORCE.
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WHAT NOW...?
WELL...

WE FORM AN ALLIED SHINOBI FORCE AND WE WIPE THEM OUT IN ONE BLOW!
SEEMS MY LITTLE BROTHER IS SAFE...
...BUT WE CANNOT LET OURSELVES BE BULLIED BY THE AKATSUKI ANY FURTHER!

AND AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED AT THIS SUMMIT, HE'S LOST OUR TRUST!
THOSE DARK RUMORS ABOUT DANZO PERSIST!

THE HOKAGE'S STILL IN THE WIND.
WHAT ABOUT KONOHA?

I'LL PASS ON THE NEWS ABOUT AN ALLIED SHINOBI FORCE TO A KONOHA SHINOBI THAT I TRUST.
WHO?

...DANZO'S STANDING IN KONOHA WILL ALSO BECOME SHAKY...
PLUS, WHEN KONOHA'S SHINOBI FIND OUT ABOUT THIS...
HE MUST BE DEPOSED!

THE WHITE FANG'S SON, EH.

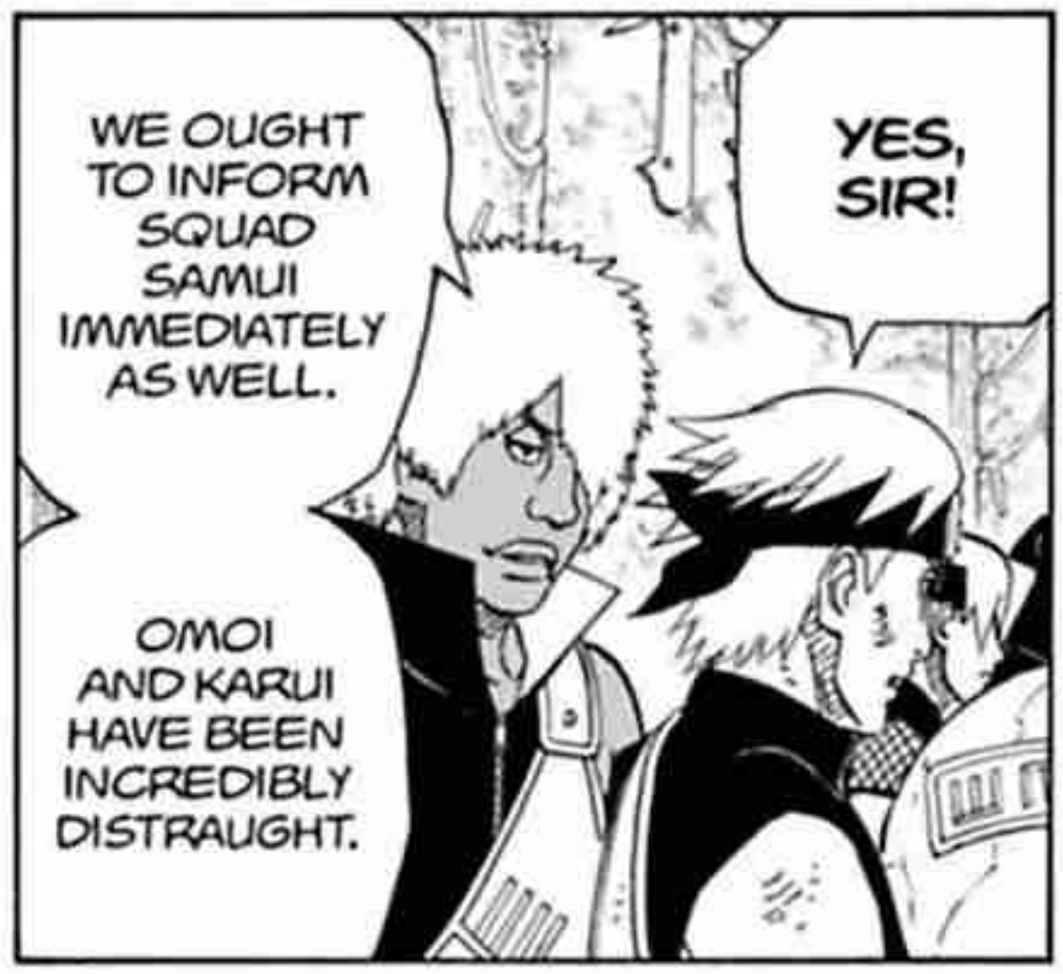
HATAKE KAKASHI OF THE SHARINGAN EYE.
愛

HE AT LEAST SEEMS TRUST-WORTHIER THAN DANZO.
...THAT IS ACCEPT-ABLE.

LORD RAIKAGE... AS ONE OF THE GOKAGE, WHAT THINK YOU OF THIS?
...RIGHT HERE AND NOW, THIS YOUNG SHINOBI, NO MATTER HOW AWKWARDLY, IS BOWING HIS HEAD... IN HIS AFFECTION FOR CLOUD AND KONOHA, VILLAGE AND NATION.

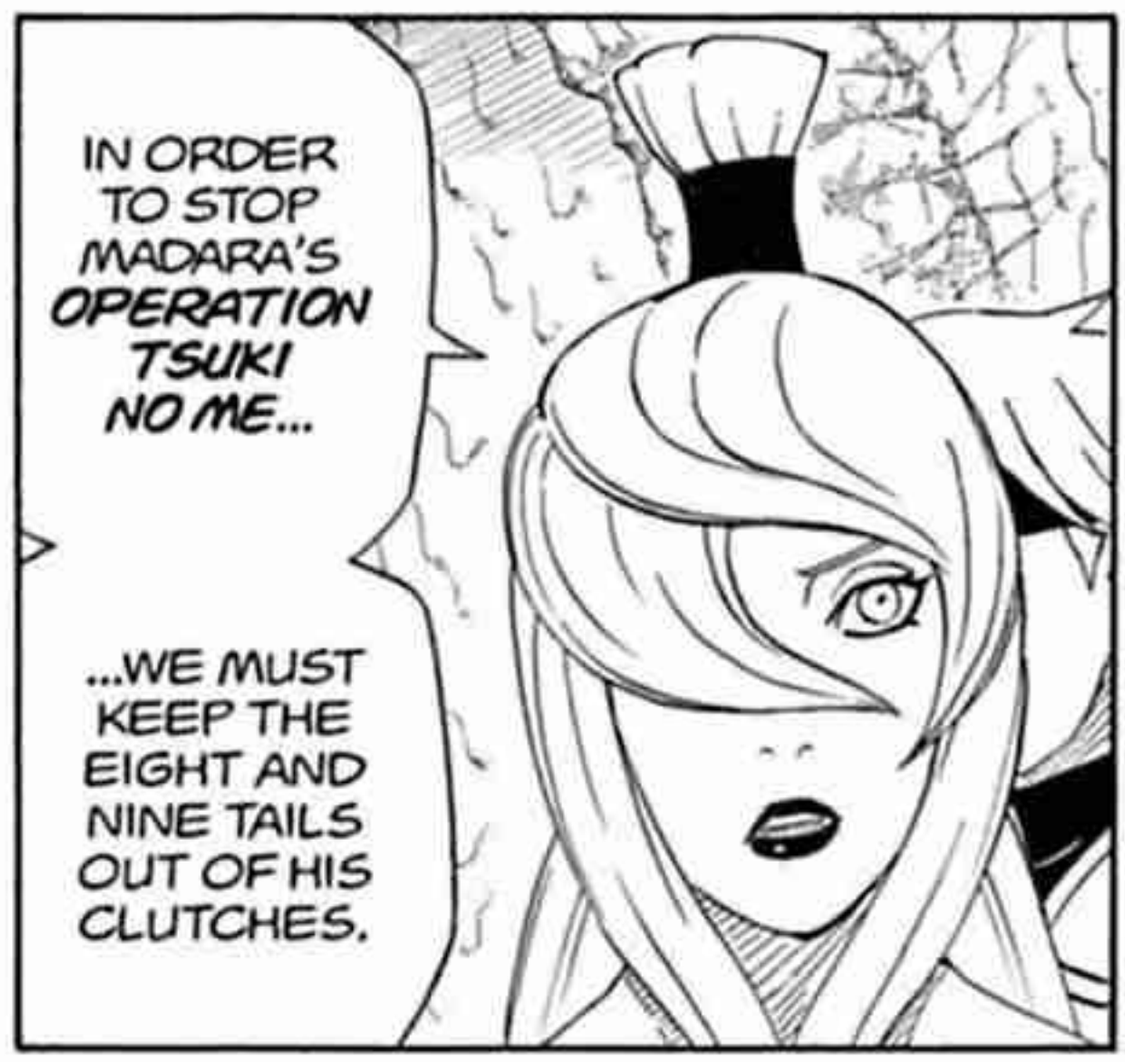
IF THE AKATSUKI ARE AFTER EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS...
...THEN THEY'RE PROBABLY STILL PERSISTING IN THEIR PURSUIT OF BEE.
LORD RAIKAGE, WE MUST SEARCH FOR KILLER BEE RIGHT AWAY!

...INDEED...


WE OUGHT TO INFORM SQUAD SAMUI IMMEDIATELY AS WELL.
YES, SIR!
OMOI AND KARUI HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY DISTRAUGHT.

SHEE, SEND A MESSAGE TO THE VILLAGE TO PUT TOGETHER A SEARCH PARTY AND FIND BEE NOW!
AGREED!

WE NEED TO FIND THEM BEFORE ANYONE ELSE DOES AND GET THEM OUT OF SIGHT AND FAST...


IN ORDER TO STOP MADARA'S *OPERATION TSUKI NO ME*...
...WE MUST KEEP THE EIGHT AND NINE TAILS OUT OF HIS CLUTCHES.

YEAH... I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE POWER MADARA HAS ALREADY AMASSED FROM CAPTURING SEVEN OF THE BIJU...
PLUS, HE MIGHT POSSESS JUTSU THAT USE BIJU. IT COULD BE HIS HIDDEN TRUMP CARD.

IF TEN TAILS WERE TO BE REVIVED ...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
FSH...

...

THE ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES MUST ALSO PLAN TO USE THE STRENGTH OF THE EIGHT AND NINE TAILS IN BATTLE, AGREED?

HE WOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE SO BRAZENLY UNLESS HE DID!

...HE MAY ALSO BE HOPING TO LURE THE TWO OUT WITH THIS WAR.

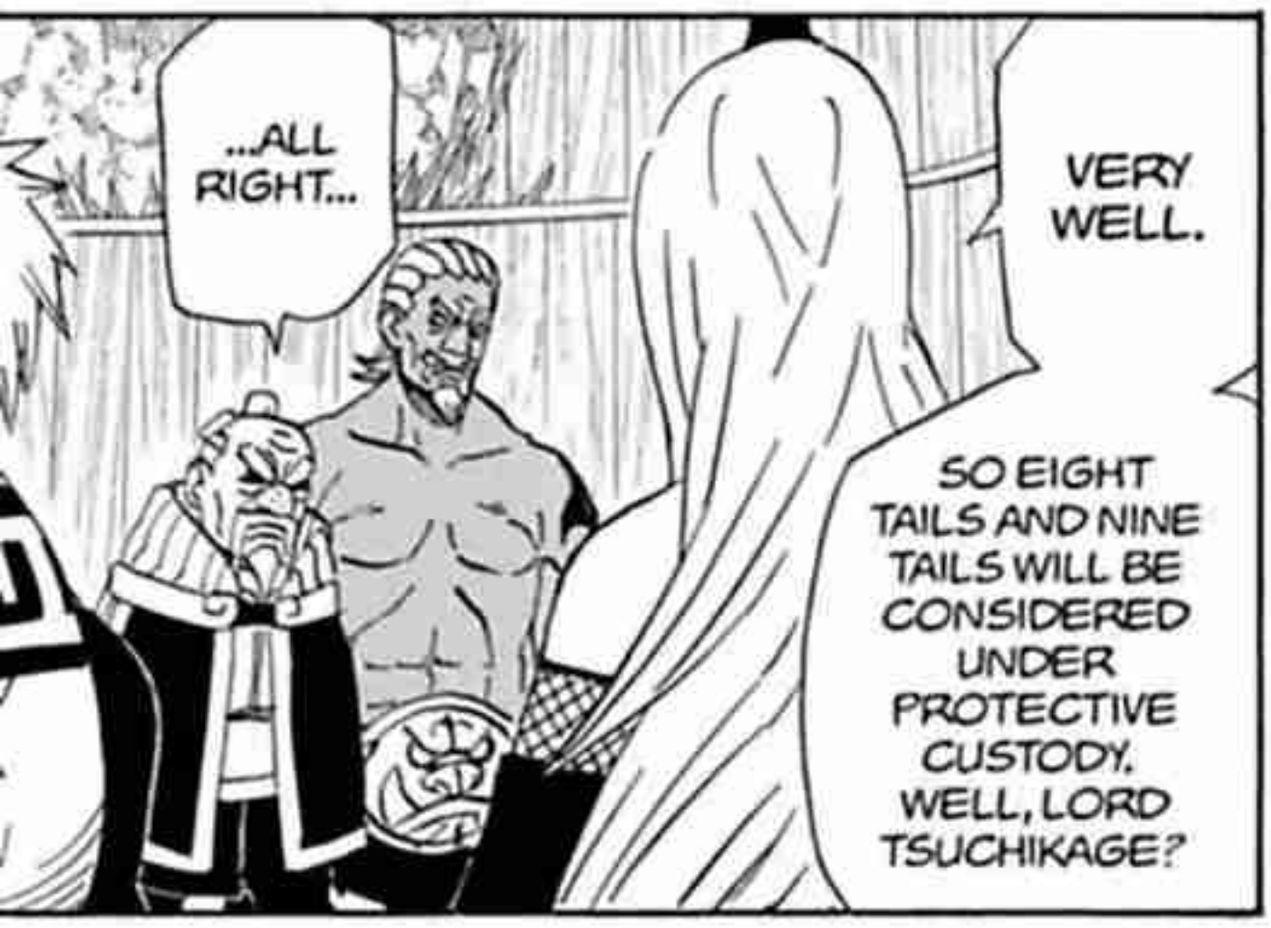
...IS THAT IN HIS WEAKENED STATE, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO CAPTURE EIGHT AND NINE TAILS WITH JUST THE REMAINING AKATSUKI MEMBERS... AND EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THE RISKS ARE TOO HIGH.

I BELIEVE THE REASON WHY MADARA IS WAGING WAR WITH HIS SEVEN BIJU...

NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT.

THIS IS ALSO A WAR TO PROTECT THE TWO OF THEM.

...
THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR THE NINE TAILS JINCHÛRIKI, NARUTO.
HEH HEH HEH!!


...ALL RIGHT...
VERY WELL.
SO EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. WELL, LORD TSUCHIKAGE?

HA HA... YEAH...
THAT'S FOR SURE.

YEAH ...
AND KAZEKAGE... WE'LL TRUST YOU TO TALK TO KAKASHI.

FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER WILL ONLY LISTEN TO ME!
INSTRUCT THEM TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS THEY LOCATE EIGHT TAILS.

USE IT TO PUT TOGETHER SEARCH TEAMS AND DEPLOY THEM IMME-DIATELY!
WE WILL FURNISH INTEL ON KILLER BEE TO YOU OF STONES, MIST, SAND AND LEAVES.

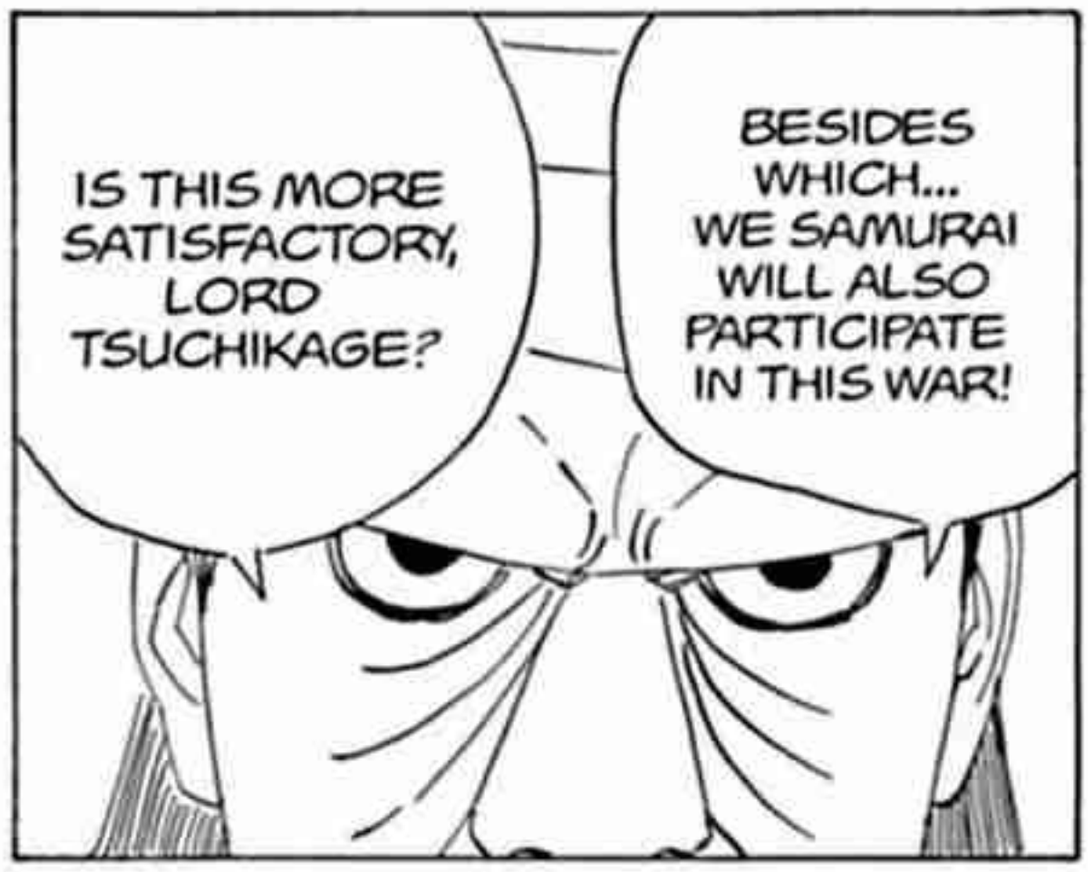
THEY MAY STILL BE IN THE LAND OF IRON... I WOULD LOOK AROUND HERE FIRST.

I SAW HATAKE KAKASHI AND THE NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI BRAT ON OUR WAY HERE.

READ THIS WAY
MY ELDERS TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE FUSES WITH HIS SWORD, HE BECOMES LIKE A BIJU, PUTTING OUT JINCHŪRIKI-LIKE POWER...
...EVEN THOUGH HE'S HUMAN.
...AND SAMEHADA, THE MOST TERRIBLE OF THE SEVEN BLADES...
THAT MAN... POSSESSES JINCHŪRIKI-LEVEL CHAKRA VOLUME...
IF WE HOLD EIGHT AND NINE TAILS BACK AND OUR ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES ARE WIPED OUT PROTECTING THEM TWO...
...IT'LL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY... ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS PLAN?
WE KNOW THAT!
WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH POWER THE SEVEN BIJU MADARA CONTROLS HOLD...
HE'S SPECIAL...
...PLEASE DO NOT UNDERESTI-MATE HIM...
?
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
...
...I THINK IT BETTER TO LET THE TWO OF THEM PARTICI-PATE IN THE BATTLE AND WAGE A TWO-FRONT WAR ALONG-SIDE THE ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES.
IN THAT CASE...

ITS STRENGTH IS ALSO STILL UNKNOWN...

THE WORLD'S FIRST ALLIED SHINOBI FORCE IS BEING FORMED RIGHT NOW.



THE RAIKAGE AND KAZEKAGE WENT BACK UP TOO.

ABOUT THAT... I'VE GOT A TRICK UP MY SLEEVE...

THEY'VE GOT THAT AREA UNDER HEAVY GUARD... WE'LL BE FOUND OUT RIGHT AWAY.

SHOULD WE GO UP-STAIRS?

I BET SASUKE AND KARIN WENT ON AHEAD.

WE SHINOBU, WE ENDURE~~~

~~SHINOBU, SUPPRESSING OUR SOBS~~~~ ♪

SHINO-BI~~~~ ♪

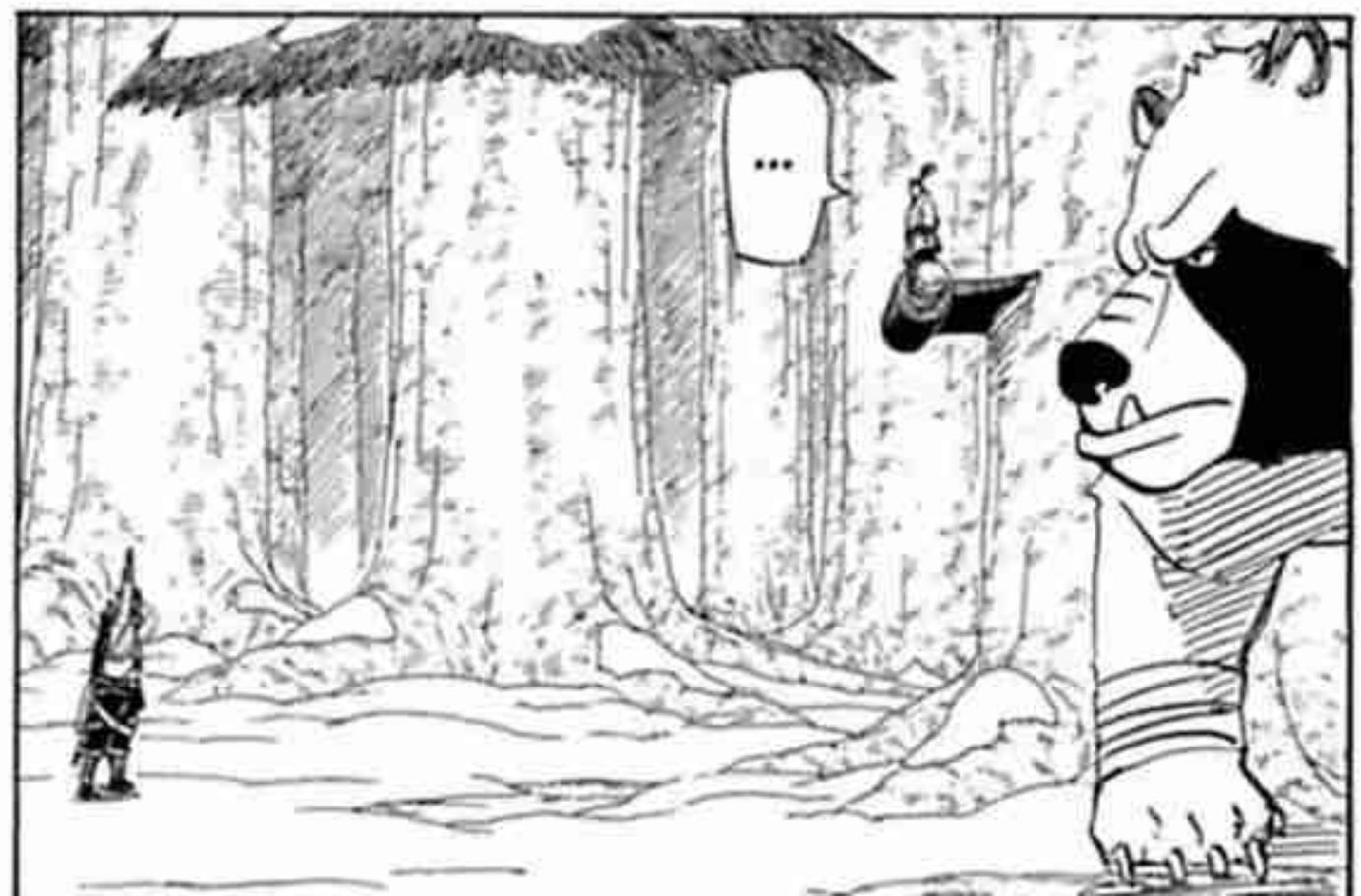
...WE EXTEND OUR LIFE EXPECTAN-CY~~~~
SHINOBI... ♪ BY BEING SHINOBI, SO STEALTH-Y... ♪
FW
SHP SHP
UP

ALL RIGHT!

WHEE E~~ EE EE EE EE EE !!

...
RRRRR RRRRR RRRRR

THUMP THUMP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YOU MOCK THE SONG?

...DON'T YOU THINK? WITH LYRICS LIKE THAT?!

FWIT

YOU LACK PASSION, MY BOY, PASSION !!

FWIT FWIT FWIT

BECAUSE, AS ITS KANJI IMPLY, IT'S IMPORTANT WITH ENKA TO EN THE KA WITH PASSION!

THAT'S RIGHT, PASSION!

(EN = PERFORM, KA = SONG)

PASSION ...?

SHUDDER

WHAT'S THE MATTER, PONTA?

FWIT

!

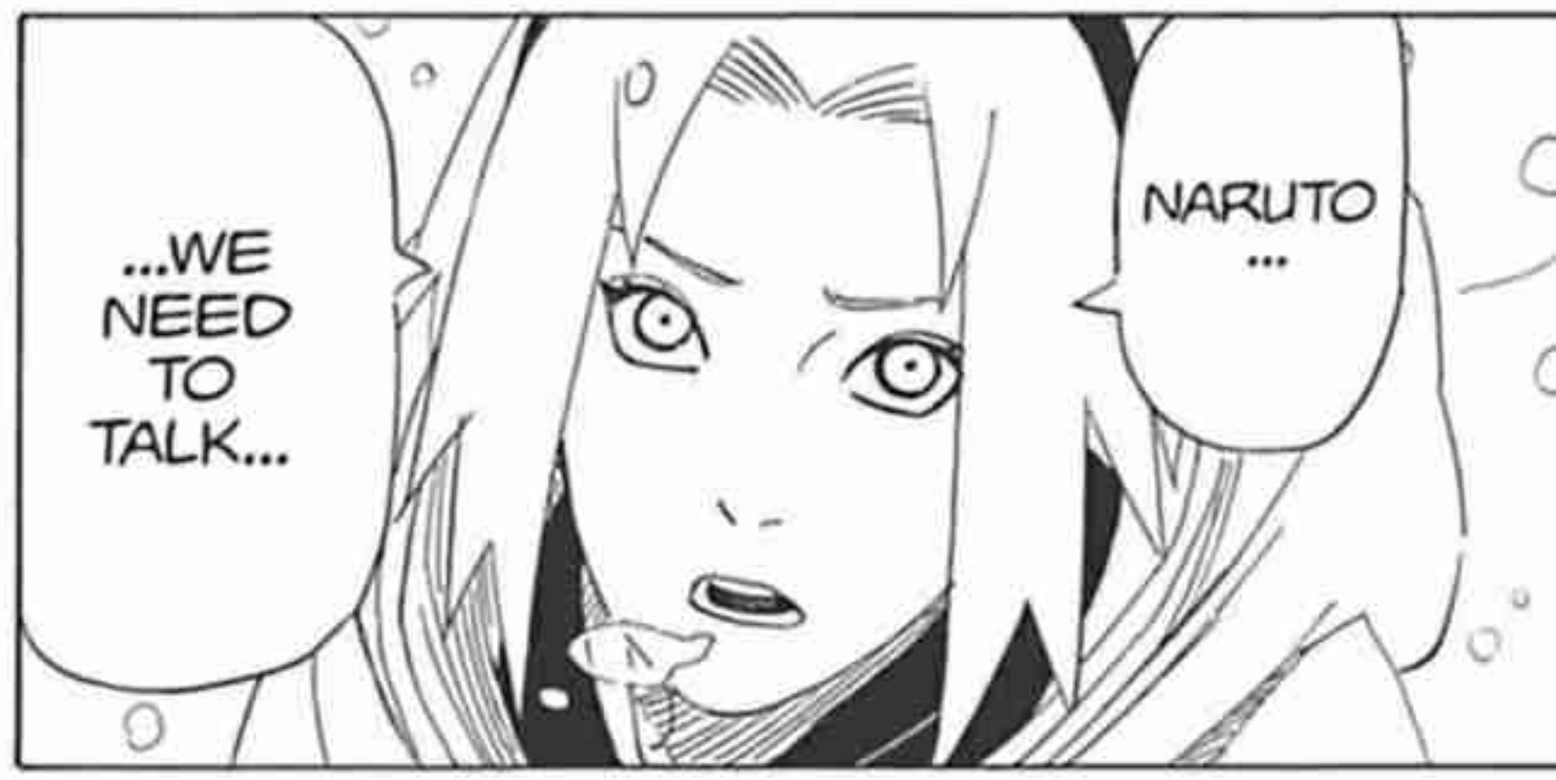
YOU NEED TO CLENCH YOUR BELLY AND PASS IT THROUGH YOUR NARES MORE, LIKE THIS!

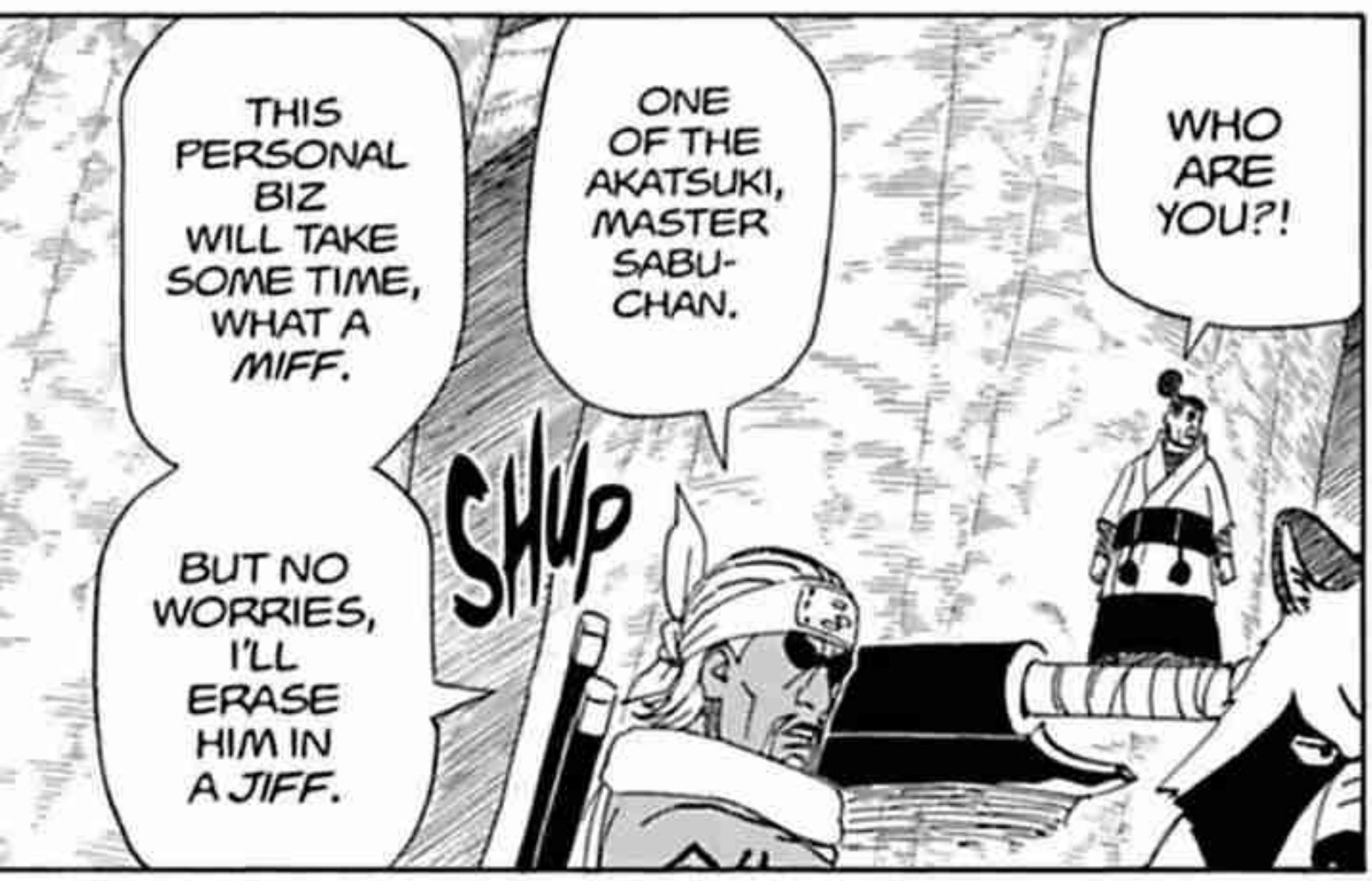
ALSO, THE TREMOLO!

READ THIS WAY
...I'VE GOT TO USE SAGE MODE. I NEED TO MAKE IT LAST LONGER!
IF WE JUST DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO, WE'LL NEVER FIND SASUKE...
...
HUH?
!
SWOO...
NARUTO, COME DOWN!

FINALLY FOUND YA!

KENCH




THIS PERSONAL BIZ WILL TAKE SOME TIME, WHAT A MIFF.
BUT NO WORRIES, I'LL ERASE HIM IN A JIFF.
ONE OF THE AKATSUKI, MASTER SABU-CHAN.
SHUP
WHO ARE YOU?!

SHUP

AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT SCENT OF A DELICIOUS CHAKRA...
MY GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA LOVES POWERFUL CHAKRA.
I'VE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR YOU, EIGHT TAILS.

PLEASE DON'T WORRY, THOUGH... I WON'T LET IT SIMPLY KILL YOU.
I APOLOGIZE, BUT YOU MUST FEED SAMEHADA.

NARUTO

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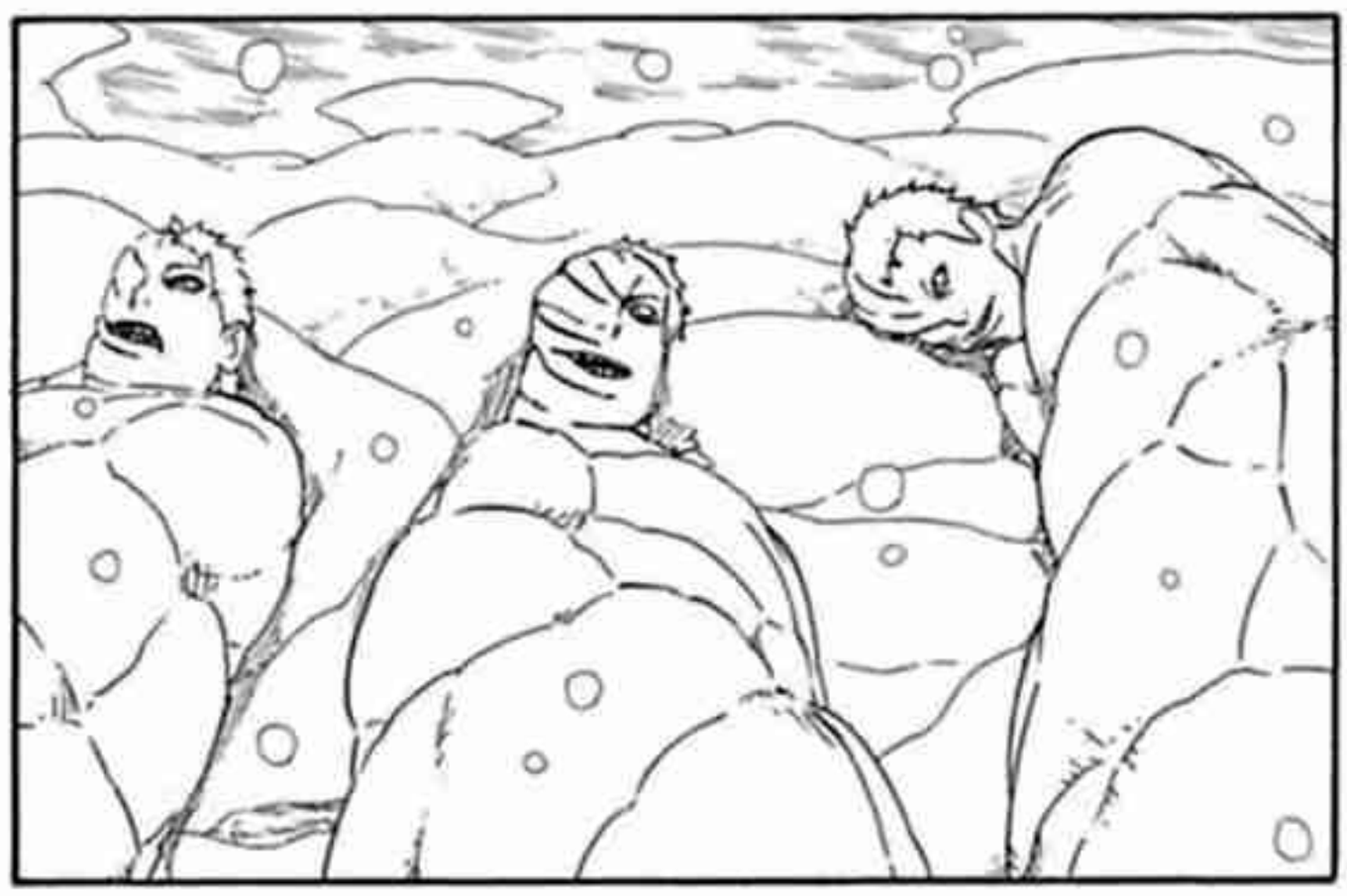
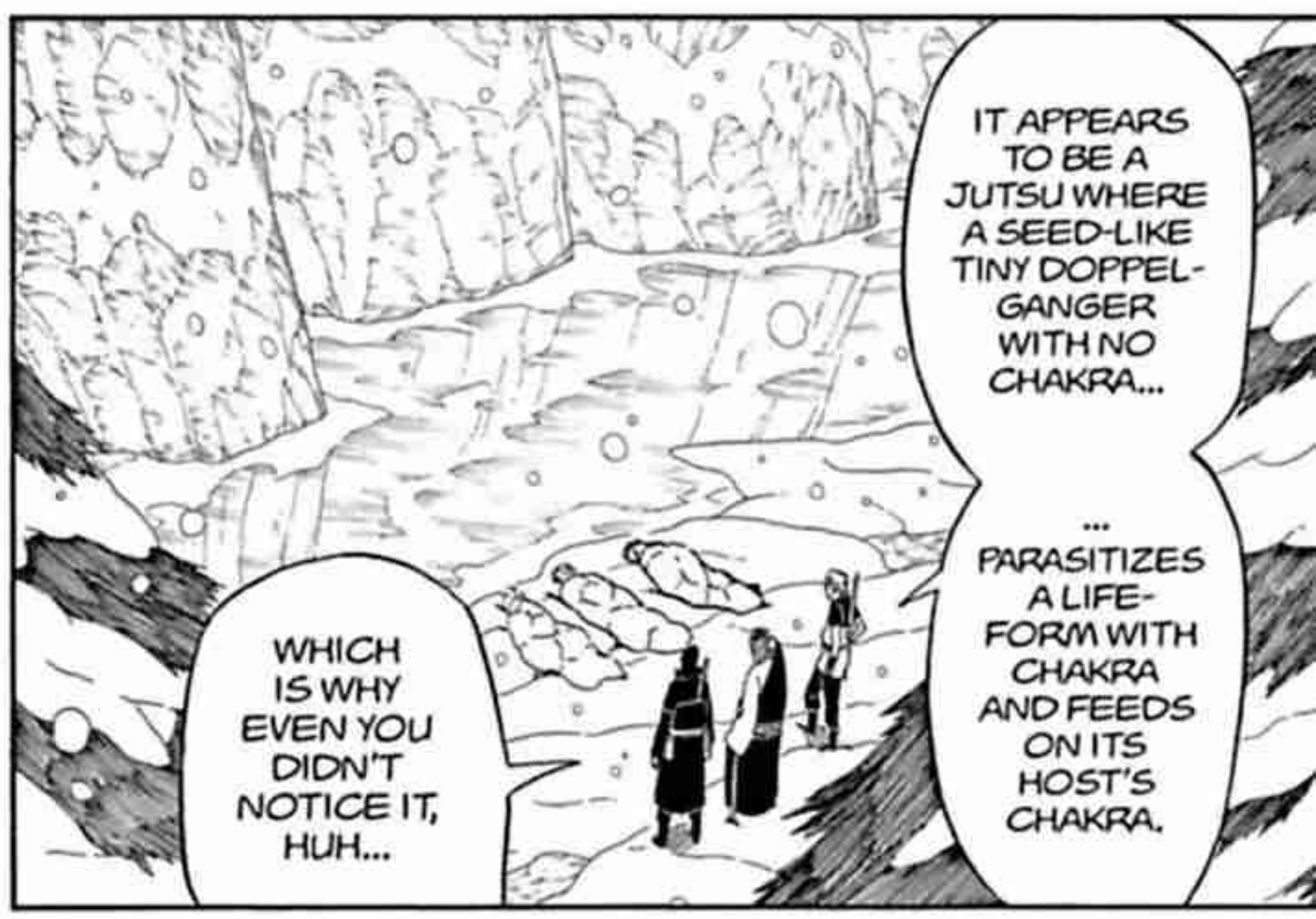
IT'S PROBABLY THE NINJUTSU OF THAT AKATSUKI MEMBER IN THE SUMMIT ROOM...
THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ONE OF DANZO'S TRAPS...

SPLAT



I SHOULD HURRY...

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FELLOW WHO'S BEEN TAILING US THE WHOLE WAY?
SO... WELL?


WHICH IS WHY EVEN YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IT, HUH...
IT APPEARS TO BE A JUTSU WHERE A SEED-LIKE TINY DOPPEL-GANGER WITH NO CHAKRA...
... PARASITIZES A LIFE-FORM WITH CHAKRA AND FEEDS ON ITS HOST'S CHAKRA.

READ THIS WAY
YES, SIR!
I DON'T CARE IF HE SURVIVES OR DIES... BUT WE MUST HAVE HIS RIGHT EYE.
YOUR TRAPS ARE SPECIAL. IT'LL HAPPEN.
IT'D BE A REAL BOON IF HE GOT CAUGHT IN MY TRAP.
HE'S STILL FOLLOWING US.
SHOOM
YOU NEED TO WATCH MY BODY, TORUNÉ.
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SSSH
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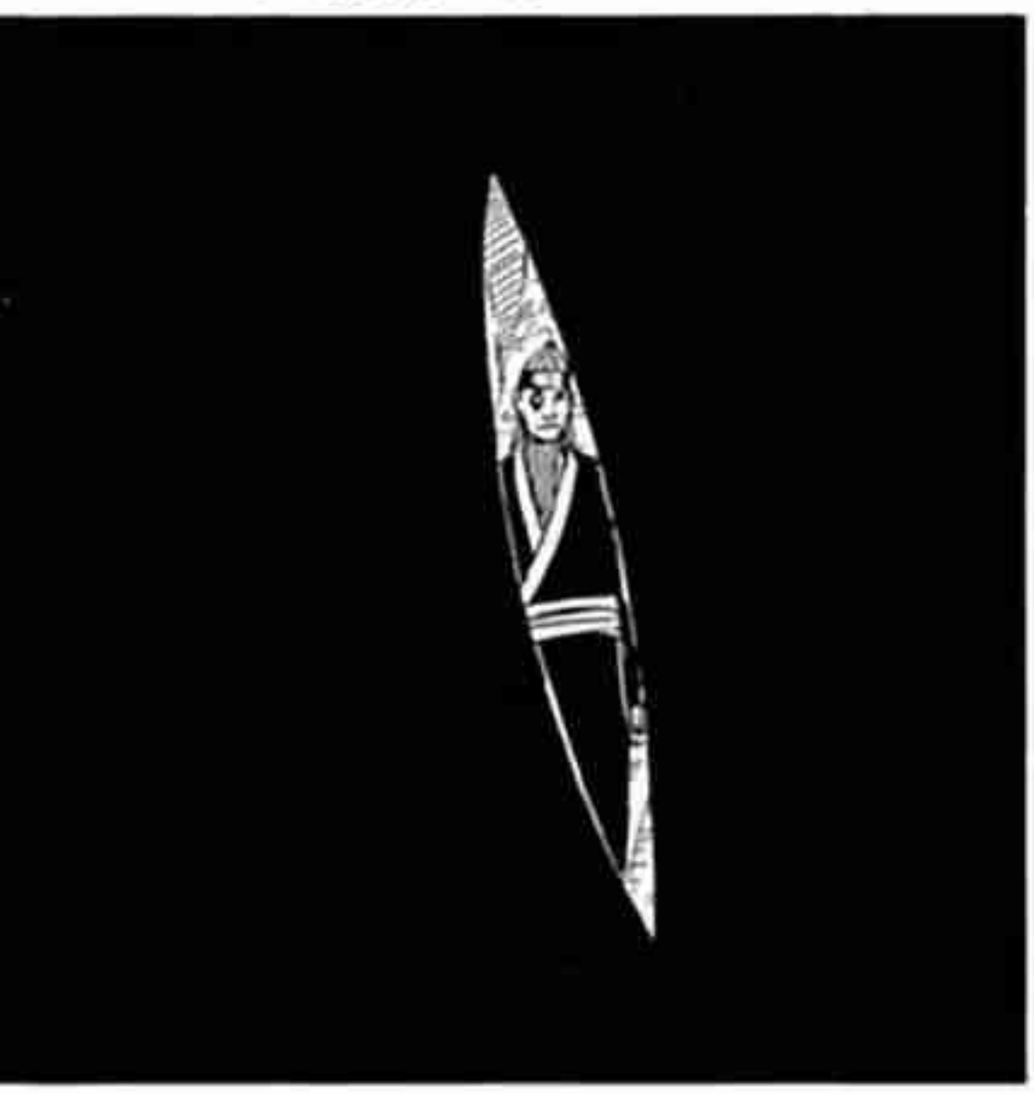
CHAK
SHUK
THIS TIME, IT IS DANZO'S.
A BOOBY TRAP...
SHUP
FSSSS



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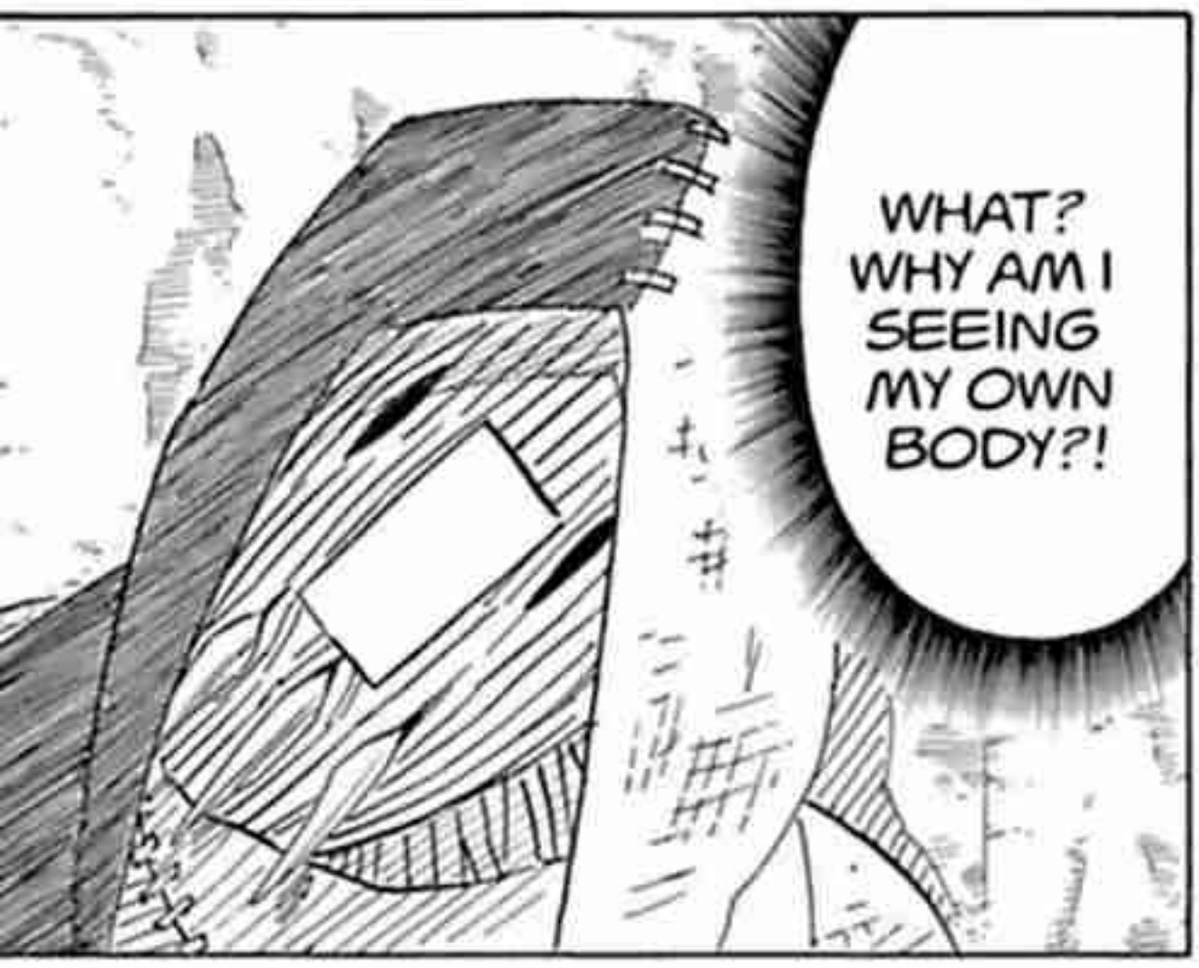
SHING


WHAT? WHY AM I SEEING MY OWN BODY?!

GOTCHA.

THE OBJECT CURSES WHOEVER ATTACKS IT...?!
GAH ...!

THE MIND TRANSFER PUPPET CURSE TECHNIQUE ...
THAT'S WHAT THIS JUTSU IS CALLED.

HOW THEN SHALL WE PRO-CEED?
WHEN FOO GETS BACK, I'LL EXPLAIN.

TONK

ARE THERE ANY SUITABLE AMONG THE REST OF US SHADOWS?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DISPARAGED ALL OF US GOKAGE, MIFUNE.

SO TO WHOM WILL GO THE LEADERSHIP OVER THE ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES IS STILL AN ISSUE!
YOUR PERSONAL PICK, DANZO, IS STILL UP IN THE WIND.

...

...

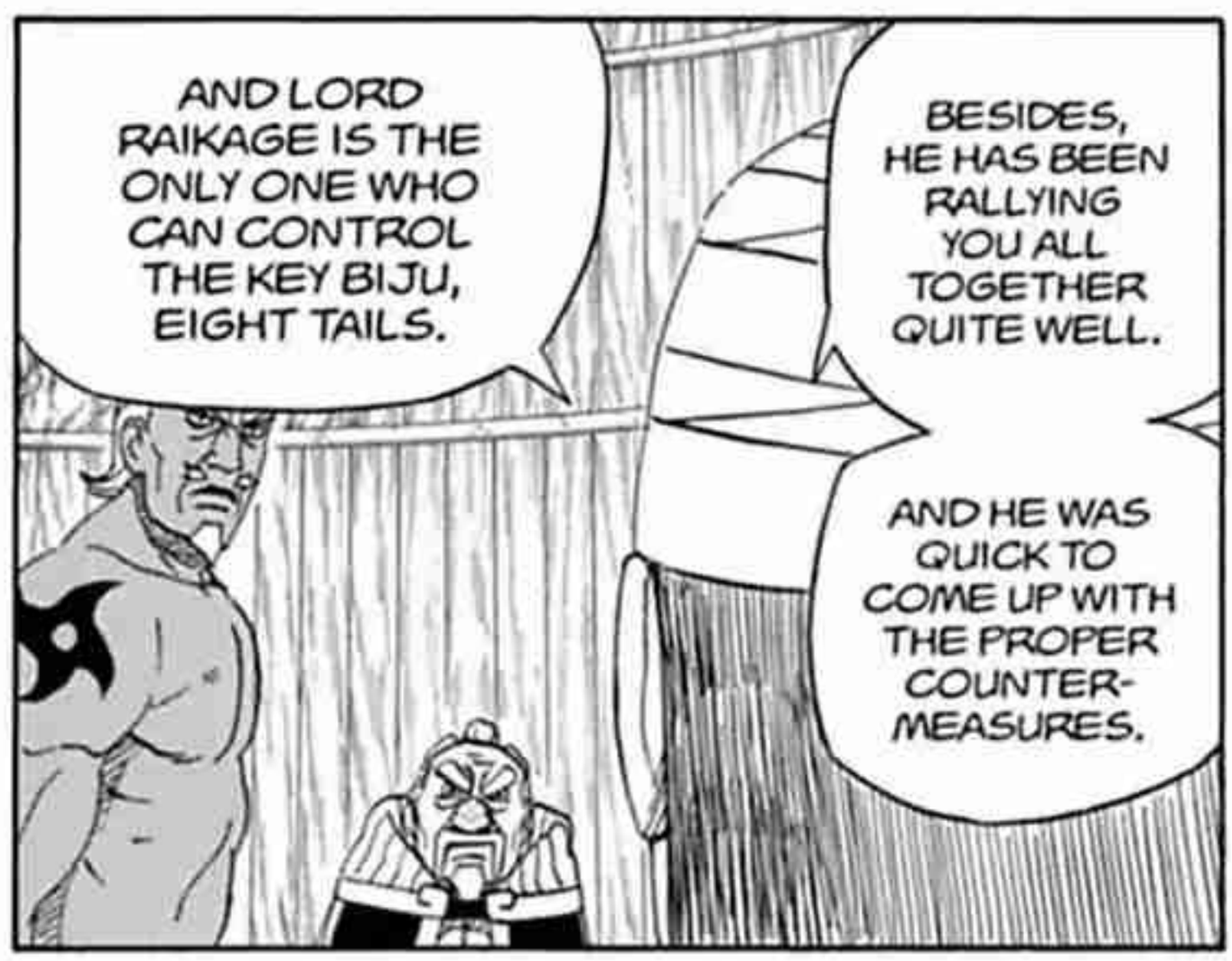
...

THUS, I FEEL LORD RAIKAGE WILL REMAIN CALM.
IT APPEARS THAT EIGHT TAILS TRULY IS ALIVE.
I JUMPED TO A HASTY CONCLUSION EARLIER... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THE RAIKAGE WAS UNSUITABLE BECAUSE HE IS RULED BY HIS EMOTIONS AND RELIES ON BRUTE STRENGTH?

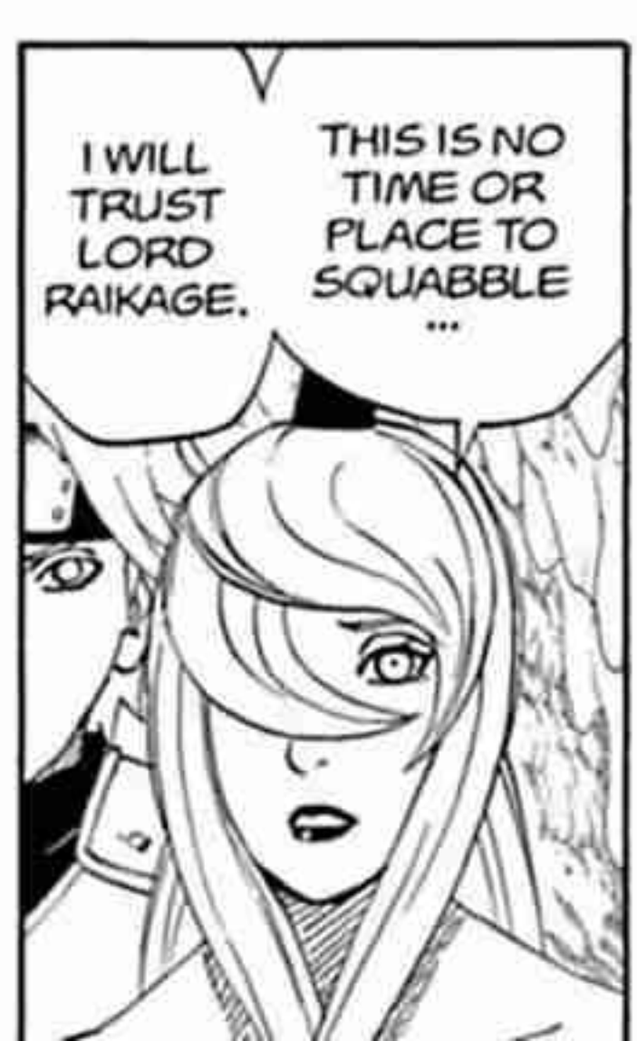
...
I THINK THAT LORD RAIKAGE WOULD BE THE BEST...

MIZUKAGE, KAZEKAGE, ARE YOU BOTH ALL RIGHT WITH THAT?
...


AND LORD RAIKAGE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CONTROL THE KEY BIJU, EIGHT TAILS.
BESIDES, HE HAS BEEN RALLYING YOU ALL TOGETHER QUITE WELL.
AND HE WAS QUICK TO COME UP WITH THE PROPER COUNTER-MEASURES.

AS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS ACTUALLY BATTLED UCHIHA MADARA BEFORE, ANY INTEL YOU POSSESS IS CRITICAL.
SO, GREAT FENCE SITTER ...

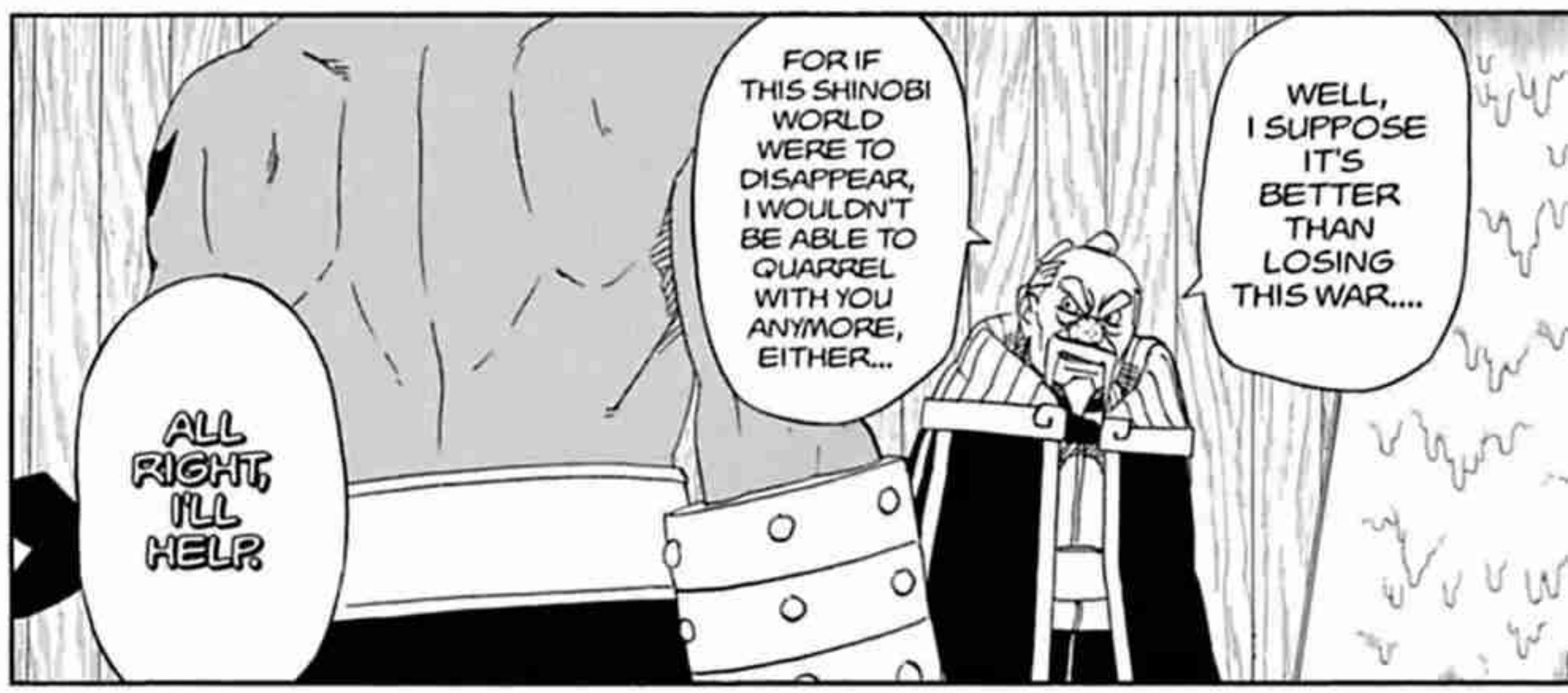
I TOO WILL TRUST THE RAIKAGE.


I WILL TRUST LORD RAIKAGE.
THIS IS NO TIME OR PLACE TO SQUABBLE ...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRUST ME... BUT AT THIS RATE, THE ENTIRE SHINOBI WORLD IS IN DANGER OF ERADICATION.
SO YOU OUGHT TO SQUASH ANY PERSONAL FEELINGS YOU HAVE AND COOPERATE!

YOU STILL LIKE TALKING DOWN TO AND ORDERING PEOPLE AROUND, EH.

YOU BETTER COOPER-ATE!


ALL RIGHT, I'LL HELP.
FOR IF THIS SHINOBI WORLD WERE TO DISAPPEAR, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO QUARREL WITH YOU ANYMORE, EITHER...
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S BETTER THAN LOSING THIS WAR....

READ THIS WAY
HUH ...?!
NOW, FIRST WE MUST INFORM OUR RESPECTIVE DAIMYO.
THE SHINOBI ALLIED FORCE IS HEREBY INAUGURATED!
DID I HEAR YOU RIGHT ...?
WHAT... DID YOU...
...JUST SAY, SAKURA ?!
... MAYBE SAY IT AGAIN ...?

...I SAID, I LOVE YOU!

NARUTO ...

...

I WAS TOTALLY WRONG TO EVER LIKE HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.

SASUKE DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME ANYMORE!

...YOU OUGHT TO LISTEN CAREFULLY WHEN A GIRL CONFESSES HER FEELINGS TO YOU!

READ THIS WAY
IF THIS IS A JOKE, IT'S NOT FUNNY...
...SAKURA.
...BUT WHY...?
WHY TELL ME...?
I CAN'T CONTINUE TO LOVE A ROGUE SHINOBI, A CRIMINAL.
I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE... I CAN SEPARATE REALITY FROM FANTASY.
IT'S JUST THAT I FINALLY WOKE UP.
NOTHING, REALLY.
WHAT ...IS GOING ON...?

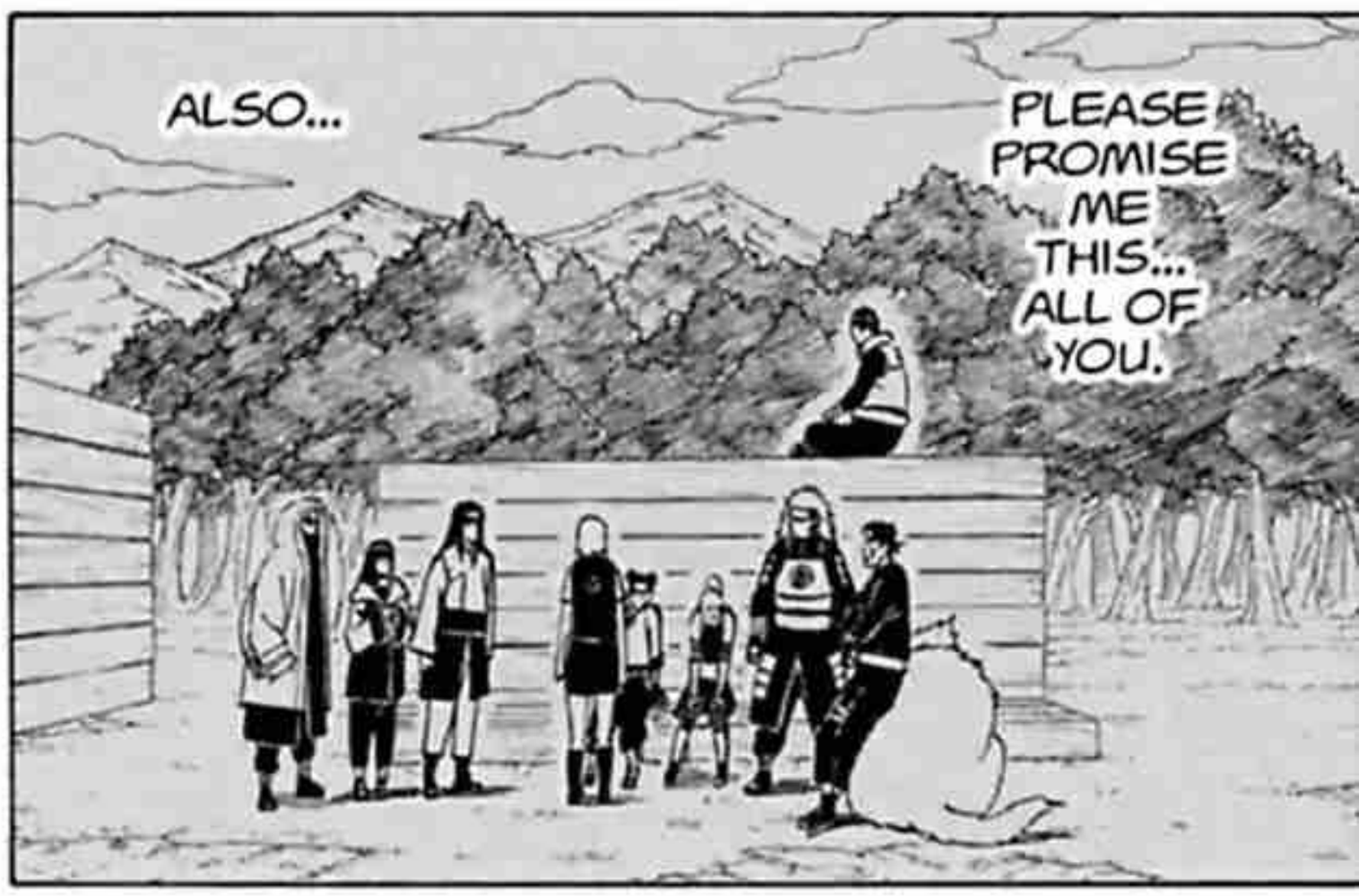
...

SO, NARUTO... YOU CAN FORGET YOUR PROMISE TO ME...
YOU CAN STOP CHASING SASUKE...

...SO DON'T SAY ANY-THING TO HIM AHEAD OF TIME.
I'LL TALK TO NARUTO ABOUT EVERY THING ...

FSH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...

YOU JUST SUDDENLY START LIKING ME...?
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, SAKURA?


ALSO...
PLEASE PROMISE ME THIS... ALL OF YOU.

READ THIS WAY
...
AS FOR WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU, IT'S OBVIOUS ...
I TOLD YOU, NOTHING'S HAPPENED!
SASUKE!!!!
SASUKE! SASUKE!!
OHHHH!!
BECAUSE I HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU...
IN FACT, THE ONE PERSON WHOSE OPINION I VALUE... THE ONLY ONE I REALLY WANT TO BE CLOSE TO... IS YOU, SASUKE.
...S-SASUKE...?
BUT NEXT TIME, I'M COMING WITH YOU!
PLEASE... PLEASE BRING SASUKE BACK...
NARUTO, THIS... THIS IS MY WISH... OF A LIFE-TIME...

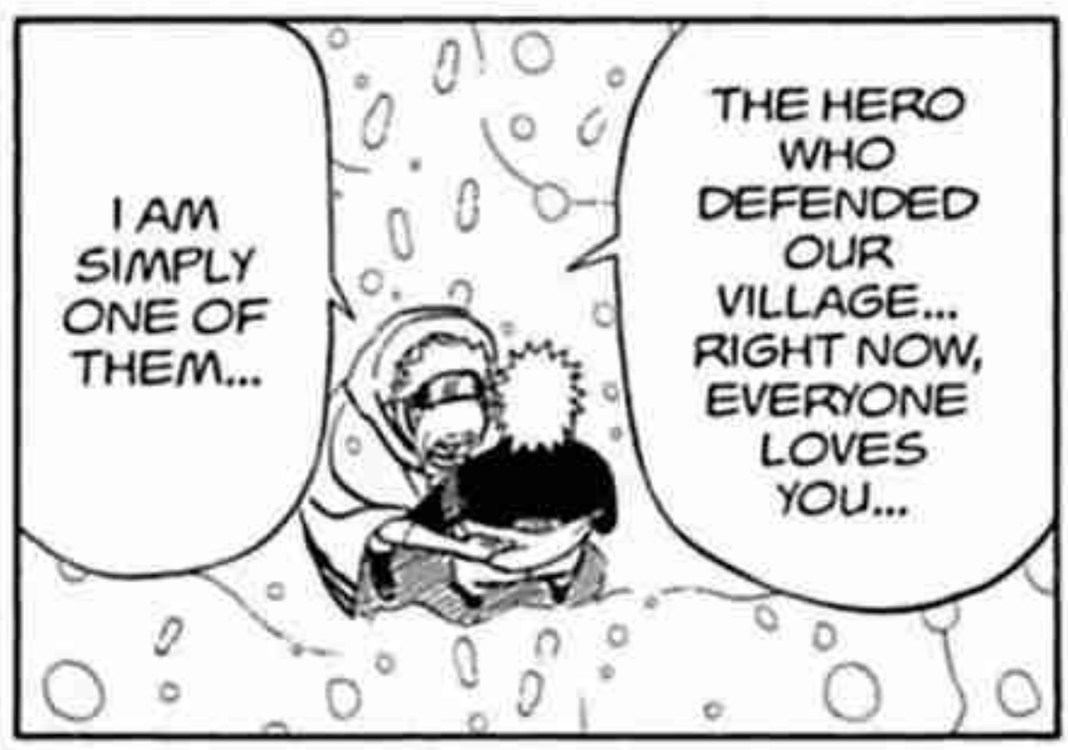
SAKURA ... YOU...
...

FTFT
SSH...

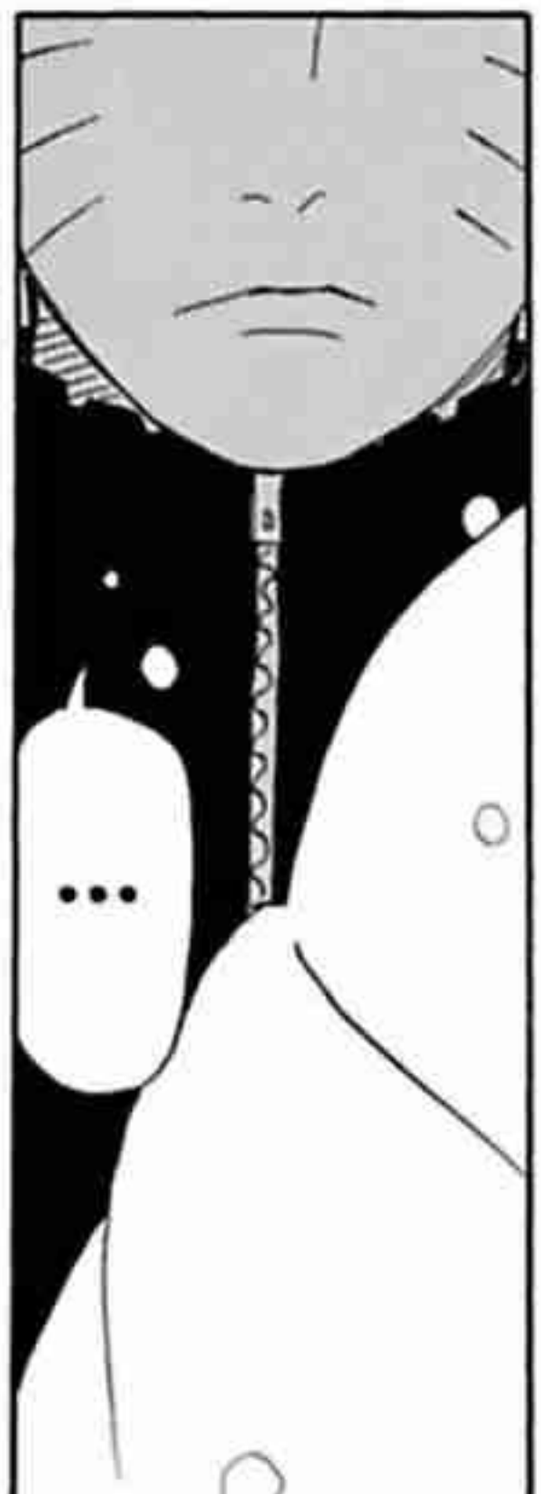
...YOUR TRUE SELF.
AND I... FINALLY SAW IT...

BUT YOU, NARUTO... YOU HAVE ALWAYS STUCK BY MY SIDE.
...CHEERED ME UP...
SASUKE JUST KEEPS RUNNING FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY FROM ME...

...AND I'VE WATCHED IT ALL HAPPEN. FRONT ROW SEAT.
YOU USED TO BE A MISCHIEVOUS, PRANKSTER LOSER... BUT NOW YOU'VE BECOME SOMETHING WONDERFUL AND SPLENDID...


I AM SIMPLY ONE OF THEM...
THE HERO WHO DEFENDED OUR VILLAGE... RIGHT NOW, EVERYONE LOVES YOU...

...AND YOU GIVE ME COMFORT...
BUT, NARUTO... I'M ABLE TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, LIKE THIS...
SO RIGHT NOW, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I TRULY CARE...

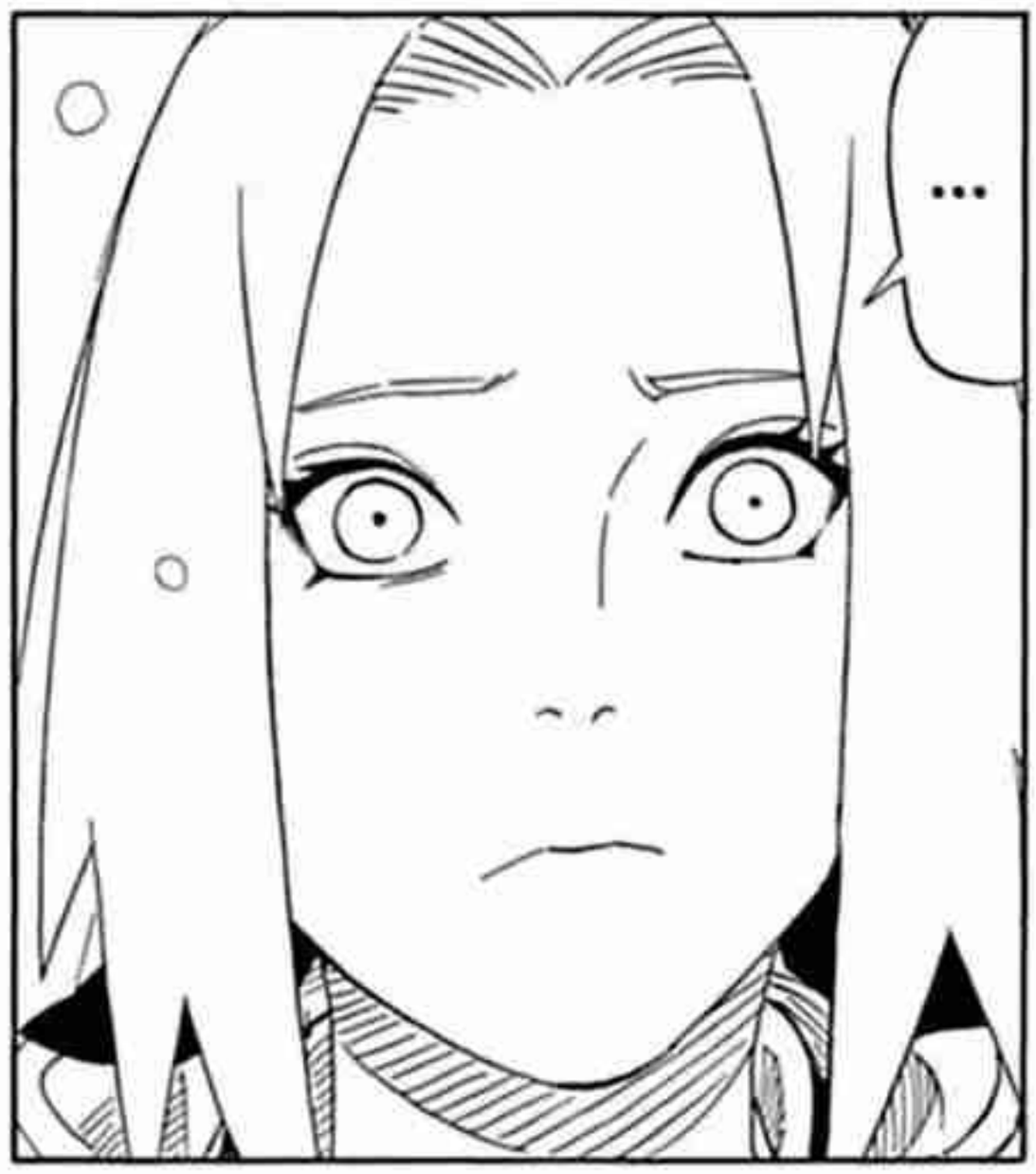

...

...ALWAYS BECOMING MORE OF A STRANGER THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE.
MEANWHILE, SASUKE KEEPS ADDING TO HIS CRIMES... AND CRUSHING MY HEART...

THIS JOKE IS NOT FUNNY!

CHAK

QUIT IT, SAKURA!



RRK

I JUST TOLD YOU I LIKE YOU INSTEAD OF SASUKE.
WHAT ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT?
YOU KNOW THE SAYING, RIGHT? "WOMEN ARE AS FICKLE AS AUTUMN WEATHER."

I... HATE PEOPLE WHO LIE TO THEM-SELVES!

NARUTO

Number 470: Killer Bee vs. Kisame!!

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT SASUKE THIS AND SASUKE THAT, AND CHASING AFTER SASUKE.

GETTING YOURSELF INTO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS!

OF COURSE I'D COME ALL THE WAY HERE!

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CAME ALL THE WAY HERE?!

JUST?! YOU THINK IT'S SO EASY FOR A GIRL TO PROFESS HER LOVE?!!

THAT'S ALL!

I CAME HERE TO FIND YOU BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO RETURN TO THE VILLAGE RIGHT AWAY!

I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHASE AFTER SASUKE TO THE POINT OF PUTTING YOURSELF IN DANGER!

YOU SEE, I...!

YOU'RE THE NINE TAILS' JINCHŪRIKI, TARGETED BY THE AKATSUKI!

WHY DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN SKIN FOR A CHANGE?!

SO THE PROMISE BETWEEN US DOESN'T STAND ANYMORE, EITHER!
SO WHY DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT SASUKE AT ALL ANYMORE NOW THAT HE'S A CRIMINAL!

I MEAN, I GET WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, SAKURA.
IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCUSE.

...

...WHY SASUKE HAS BECOME OBSESSED WITH REVENGE AND IS CAUSING SO MUCH DAMAGE...
MAYBE I UNDERSTAND MORE NOW...

BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THAT PROMISE.

THAT'S NOT HOW IT WENT DOWN...
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ...

THEN WHY, AFTER DEFEATING THE UNFORGIVABLE ITACHI...
...DID HE ALLY WITH THE AKATSUKI ?

AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE HIS LOVE IS SO DEEP, IT'S HARD FOR HIM TO FORGIVE.
SASUKE REALLY LOVED HIS FAMILY AND HIS CLAN...

!

NARUTO !

A TOP-SECRET MATTER.
LISTEN, LET'S KEEP WHAT MADARA SAID JUST BETWEEN THE THREE OF US FOR NOW.

?

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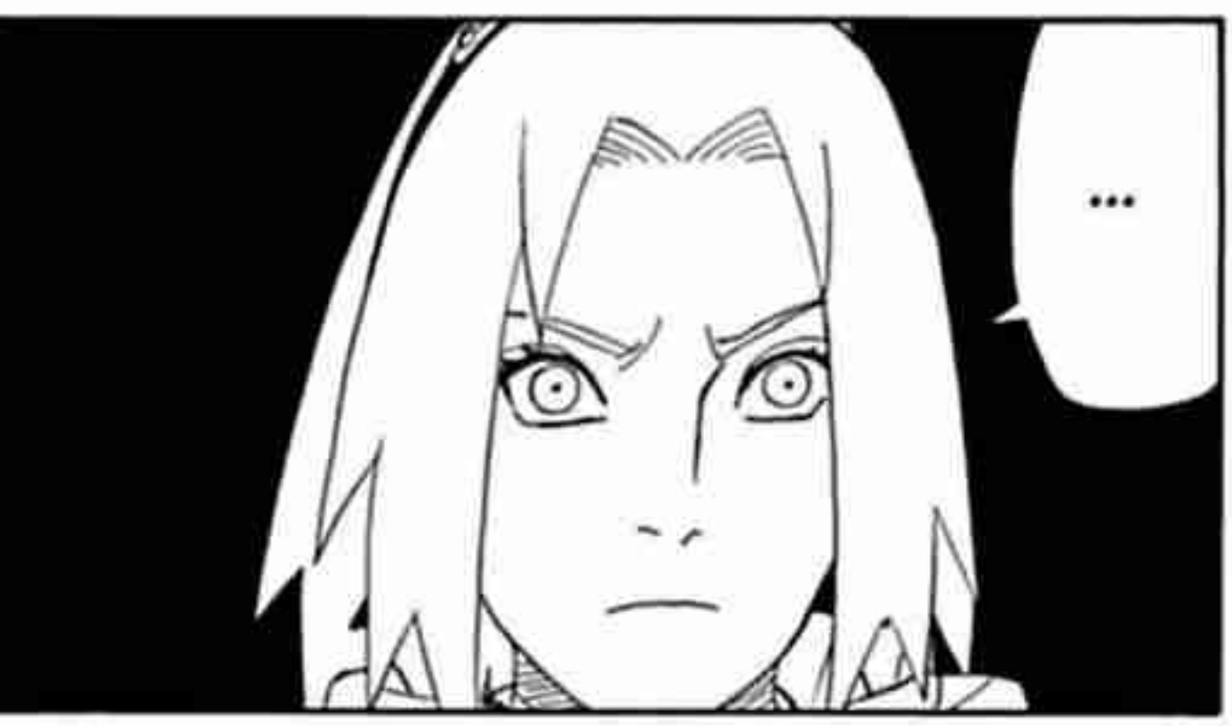
!
ANYWAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER...
...EVEN IF THERE'S NO PROMISE BETWEEN US ANY-MORE.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ITACHI'S SLAUGHTER OF THE UCHIHA CLAN WAS ORCHESTRATED BY KONOHA'S LEADERS...
AND UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT HIS ULTERIOR MOTIVES, WE CAN'T EVEN TRUST THAT WHAT HE SAID IS TRUE.
DURING THIS TIME OF RE-BUILDING, I'D LIKE TO AVOID UNNECES-SARY CHAOS.


...

CUZ I WANT TO RESCUE SASUKE FOR MY OWN SAKE.

ARGH!
WHOMP

!
WHY DON'T WE JUST GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM THE TRUTH?
SHUP
SHUP
SO WHAT NOW, SAKURA?

WHIIIR
ENOUGH! I'M GOING HOME!!
OWW...
WHIIING

C'MON, GO.
SAKURA ...
SHUP
SHUP

SHUP
KIBA, LEE, SAI!
LET'S GO!

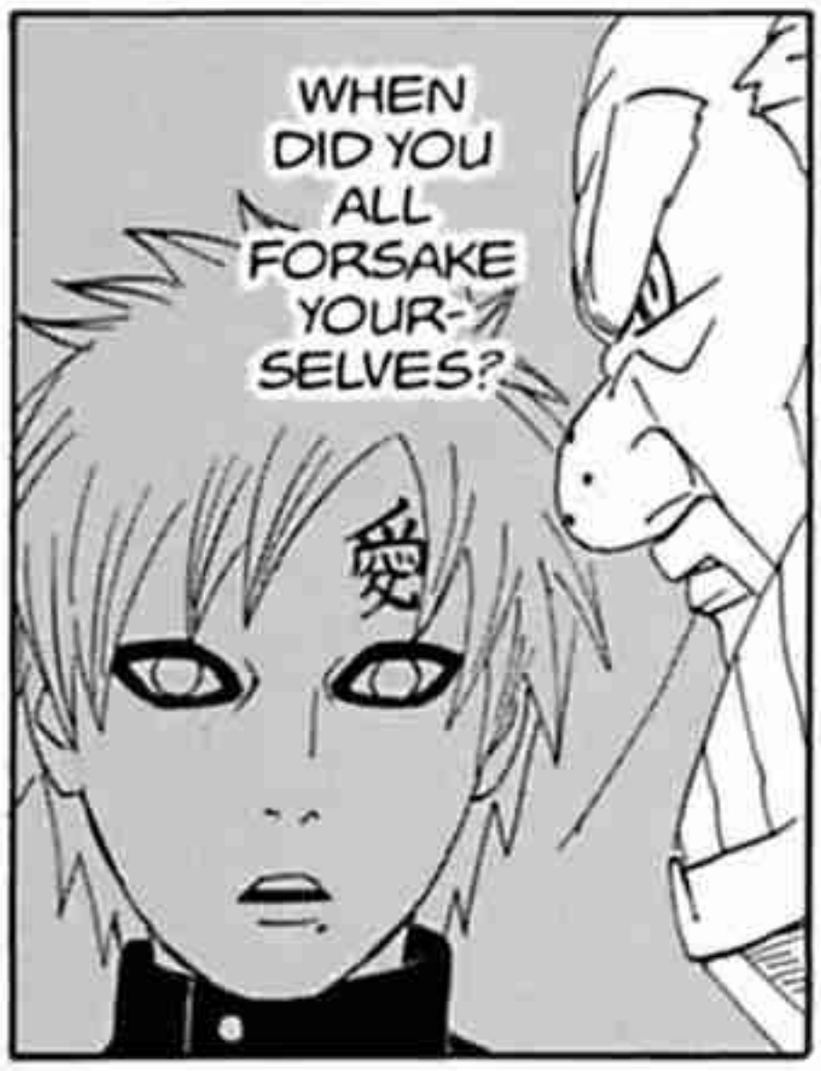
NARUTO ...
I'M SO SORRY!

READ THIS WAY
WHAT?
!
KIBA, I NEED A FAVOR.
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED, SAKURA?
HELP ME!
I WANT TO GO LOOK FOR SASUKE RIGHT AWAY!

THEN WHY?!

...PLUS TAKE AWAY A CHUNK OF CLOUD'S AND KONOHA'S BATTLE STRENGTH! IT WOULD BE TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE, NO?!
IF WE JUST GOT RID OF EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS RIGHT NOW, WE COULD MESS UP THAT PLAN OF MADARA'S...

REMEM-BERING WHAT?
...BECAUSE I STARTED REMEMBER-ING...


WHEN DID YOU ALL FORSAKE YOUR-SELVES?
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WHY NOT ?!
I'VE DECIDED NOT TO DO THAT THIS TIME AROUND.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU, STUBBORN GEEZER.

...WHO I WAS BEFORE I BECAME SO HARDHEADED!

?

SRVICH
SRVICH

TMP
HE MAY BE BIG, BUT YOUR BEAR'S NOT WORTH SHREDDING.

UGH.

THOOK
NOW I SHALL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF MY PASSION!
PONTA'S A RACCOON!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO INTER-FERE, ARE YOU!

PASSION... SO YOU CAN USE IT IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION... GOT IT! OKAY!

skritch skritch

THOK

TA
K

VISSH

YOSAKU CHOP!
KIA
NGG

KRAKLE-KRAKLE
IF IT HITS ME, EVEN I WOULD GET A HOLE IN ME.
WHAT IMPRESSIVE SUPER-VIBRATIONS, TO BE EVEN MORE PENETRATING THAN FÛTON...
A PENCIL WHOSE PENETRATING POWER HAS BEEN ENHANCED VIA HIGH FREQUENCY OSCILLATIONS GENERATED BY RAITON, HUH...

READ THIS WAY
HE'S TRYING TO JUDGE MY REACTION PATTERN USING RAITON-ENHANCED NINJA TOOLS FROM MID-RANGE DISTANCES.
SWSH
...SO HE CAN SQUEEZE ME!
PLUS, THEY ALSO SERVE AS DIVERSIONS...
SHUP
NOW TWICE YOU SHALL BE PERFO-RATED♪ BUT PLEASE DON'T LET THAT MAKE ME HATED.♪

FLU
WHAT'S THIS?! HOW COME BEE'S SUPER-VIBRATO RAITON KNIFE HASN'T PIERCED THAT BLADE?!
G-GGG...
?!

WHEEEE!!

GLOP GLOP GLOP

HEAD BUTT!!

IT'S THAT BLADE OF HIS! THAT BLADE IS SUCKING AWAY YOUR CHAKRA!
BEE! I SEE IT NOW!
ZWOOO

YOU, YOU'RE STEAL-ING MY CHAKRA ...!
...!

THAT'S WHY THEY DIDN'T PIERCE HIM!
I SUSPECT THAT EARLIER IT ALSO SUCKED THE CHAKRA OUT OF YOUR SUPER-VIBRATO RAITON KNIVES BEFORE THEY HIT!!
THOK
ZWOO

READ THIS WAY
YOU'VE ACTUALLY GOT QUITE PRETTY ORBS, SHARK GOON♪ TOO BAD I'M-A GONNA MAKE 'EM DEAD FISH EYES, VERY SOON.♪
IT'S RARE THAT SAMEHADA GETS THIS WORKED UP... YOU ARE WORTHY OF SHREDDING.
MY BLADE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN QUITE A LIKING TO YOUR OCTOPUS-FLAVORED CHAKRA.
SPLICH SPLICH SPLICH
SKREEE...
SHOOM
I'LL- A... UH...
SKREEE
SKREEE...
HOSHIGAKI KISAME...
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, AFTER THE FACT.

NARUTO

SKREEE!!

SHLUK

TNK

HIS BLADE TRANS-FORMED ...!

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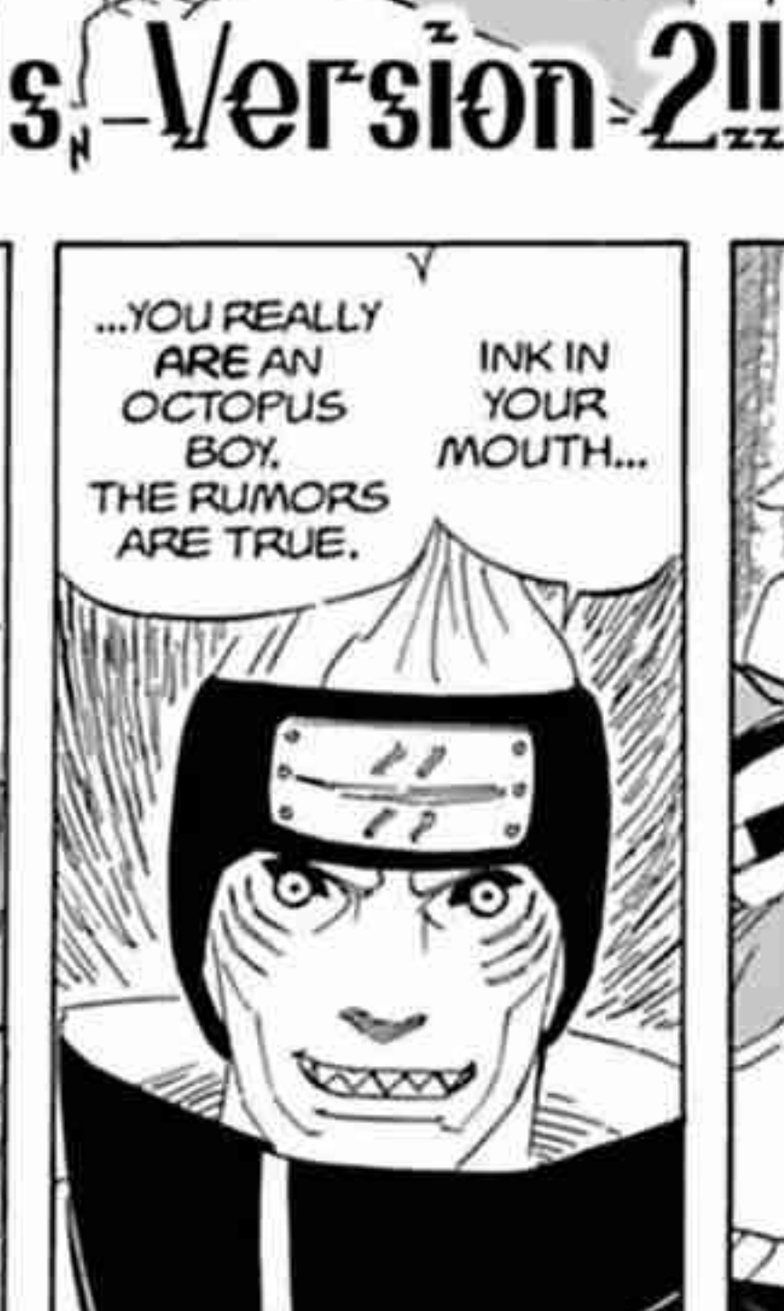


WHEEEEEEEEE!!!!

VERBLAST

74
KNOW WHAT?
OCTOPI EAT SHARKS!
SWULE
SH
THE BLADE DODGED HIM!

ZWOO

IT APPEARS THAT THIS TIME, THE SHARK SHALL DEVOUR THE OCTOPUS.

FFFZZZZ

SKREEE!!!

SKREEE!

SQUICH

BUT IT CAN ONLY DEVOUR SIX TAILS' WORTH OF CHAKRA AT ONE TIME, EH...

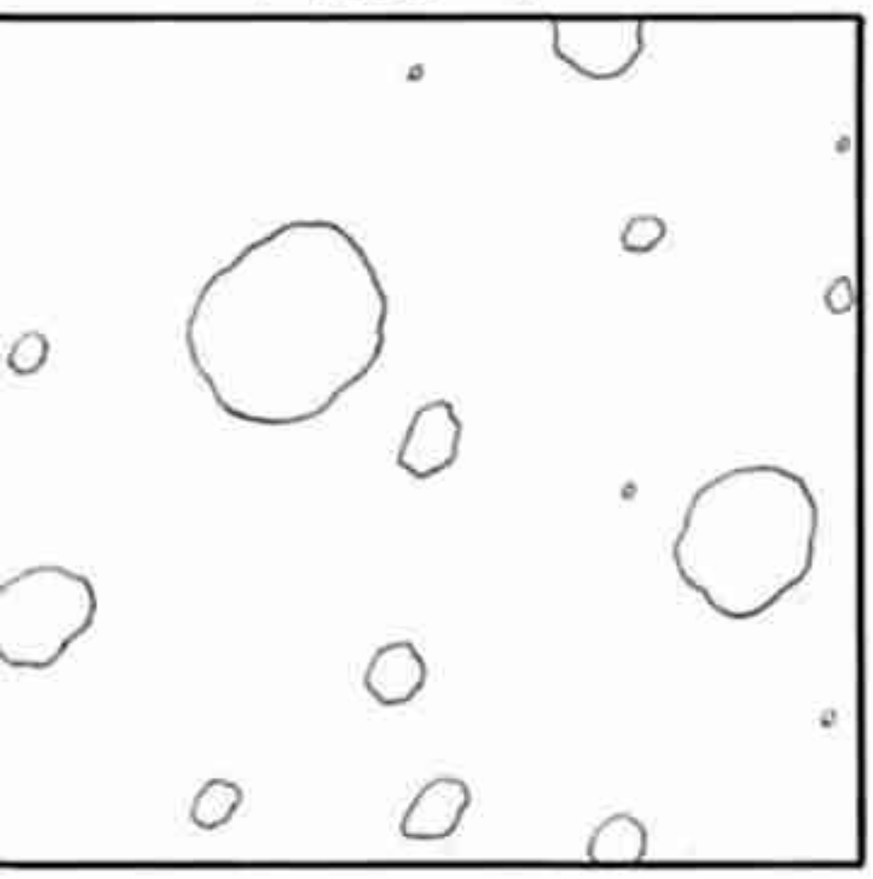
SHK

SHK

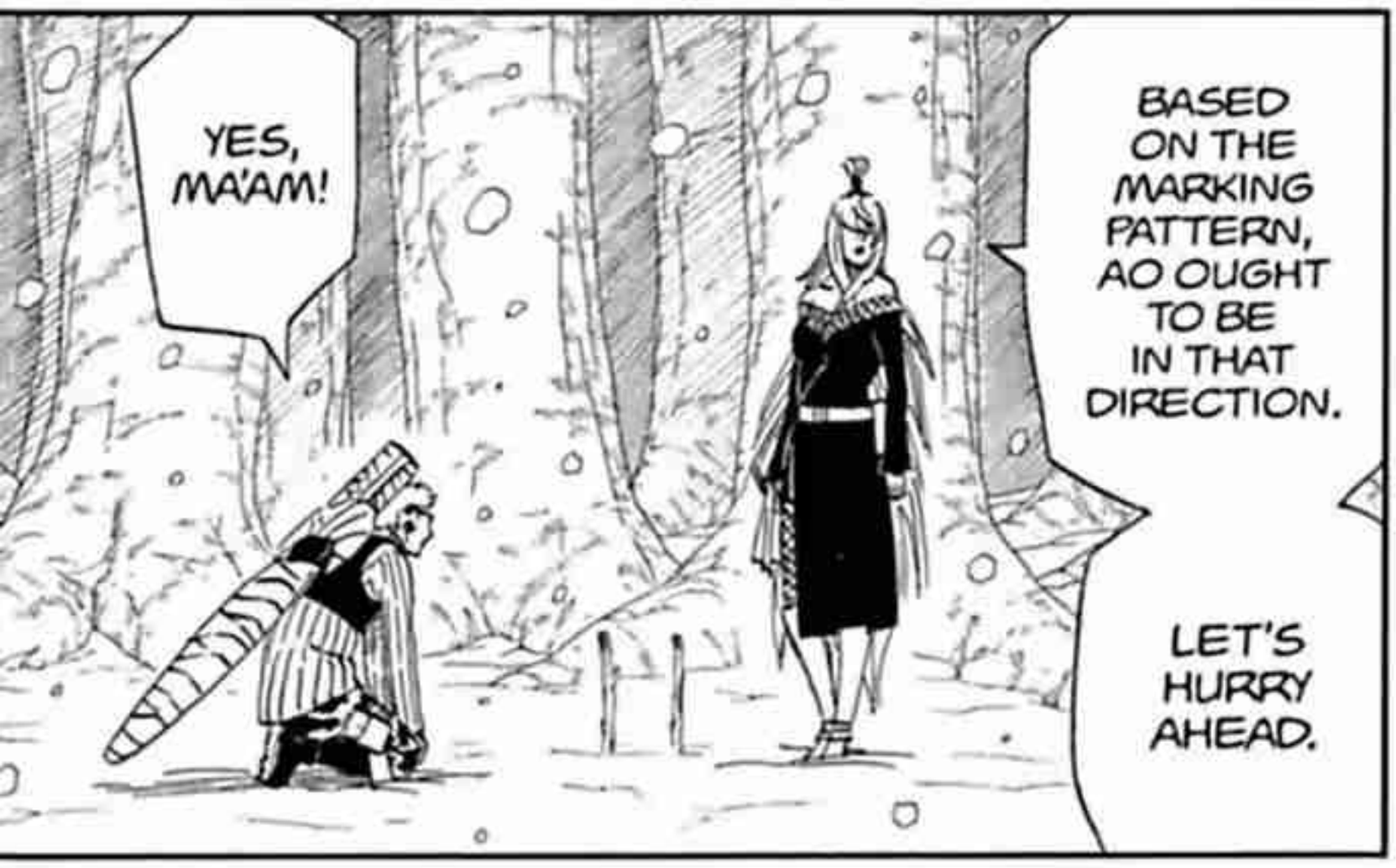
SAMEHADA... IT'S GOT A BIG APPETITE AND IT'S A SPEED-EATER...

TMP

THAT OTHER FELLA'S BLADE SUCKED OUT BEE'S CHAKRA AGAIN... AND HAS GROWN EVEN BIGGER!



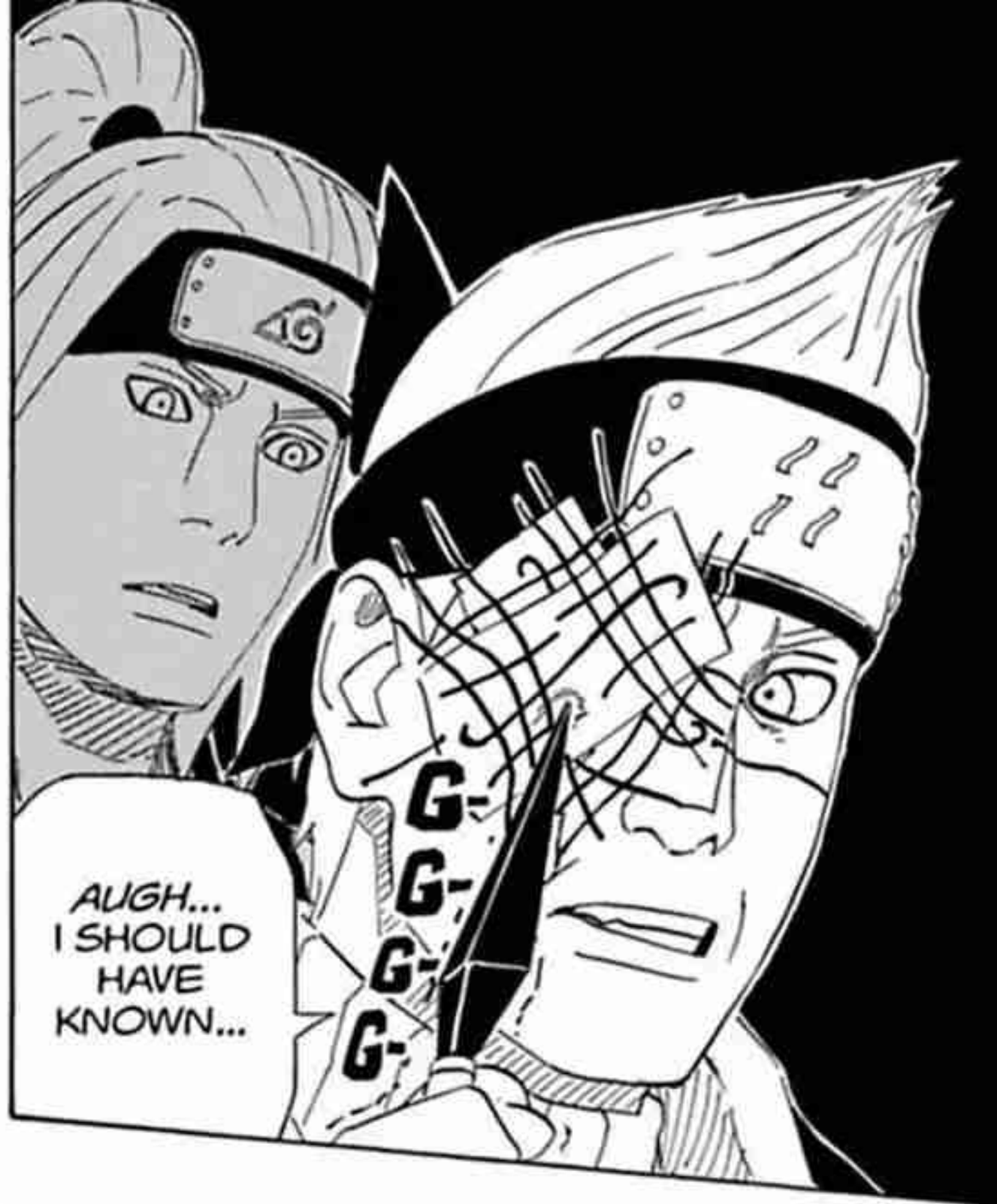
THEN I THINK I CAN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT VERSION ...
KLIK
IF THAT'S THE SITUATION WITH THIS VERSION ...


YES, MA'AM!
BASED ON THE MARKING PATTERN, AO OUGHT TO BE IN THAT DIRECTION.
LET'S HURRY AHEAD.

HERE'S THE NEXT SET.
FOUND IT, LORD MIZUKAGE.

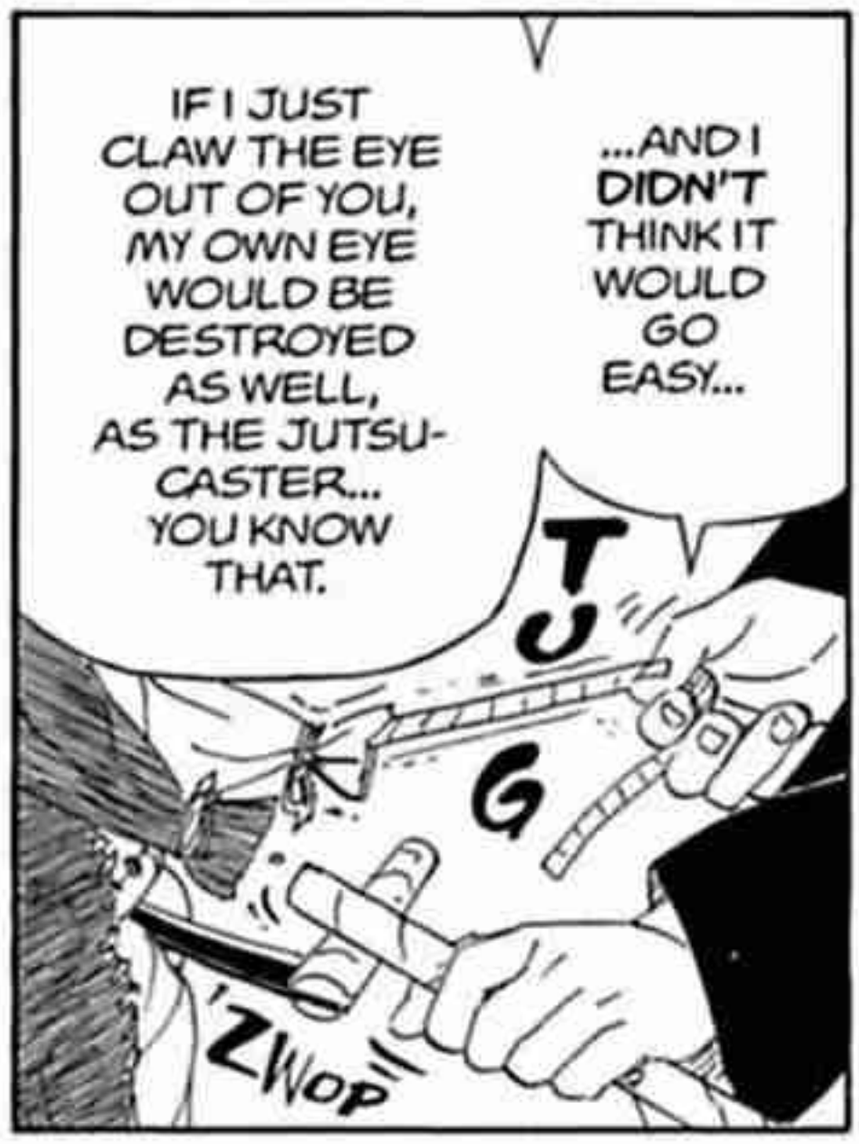
UGH ....!

I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU... THAT'S A BARRIER NINJUTSU THAT ONLY WE OF THE MIST BLACK OPS, THE SHINOBI TRACKING UNIT, CAN UNDO.


AUGH... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...
G-
G-
G-
G-

DO NOT THINK THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RECLAIM IT EASILY.
PLIP
FWAP
FWAP
THIS IS A PRECIOUS BYAKUGAN THAT MIST WILL DO ANYTHING TO KEEP...

THAT WAS DANZO'S ORDER...? WHAT DOES HE THINK HIS SUBORDINATES ARE?


IF I JUST CLAW THE EYE OUT OF YOU, MY OWN EYE WOULD BE DESTROYED AS WELL, AS THE JUTSU-CASTER... YOU KNOW THAT.
...AND I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GO EASY...
TJ
G
ZWOP

A JUTSU THAT AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATES WHEN DANGER THREATENS THE EYE, EH.
IT'S QUITE APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE OF YOU OF THE UNDERTAKER SQUAD.
SHUP

BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER OPTIONS.
TAK
TAK

THOUGH THANKS TO YOUR BARRIER, IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AT THIS RATE.
IF MIST'S BATTLE STRENGTH BECOMES GREATLY DIMINISHED THROUGH IT, LOSING ONE OF MY EYES IS A CHEAP PRICE TO PAY.
KOOSHI

WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?
I'M SIMPLY GOING TO JUMP DOWN AND BEHEAD YOU.
RRK
IF I CAN'T REMOVE YOUR EYE, THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE YOUR ENTIRE HEAD BACK TO KONOHA WITH ME.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
FINE... BUT YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL ...
...OR ELSE YOU'LL FAIL.
YOU'RE GOING TO DESTROY YOUR-SELF?
OH NO, I'LL UNDO THIS MIND TRANSFER JUTSU JUST BEFORE THE BLADE HITS YOUR NECK...
EITHER WAY, YOU'LL DIE... AND I, BACK IN MY BODY...
...CAN RETRACE MY STEPS HERE TO GRAB YOUR HEAD.

...

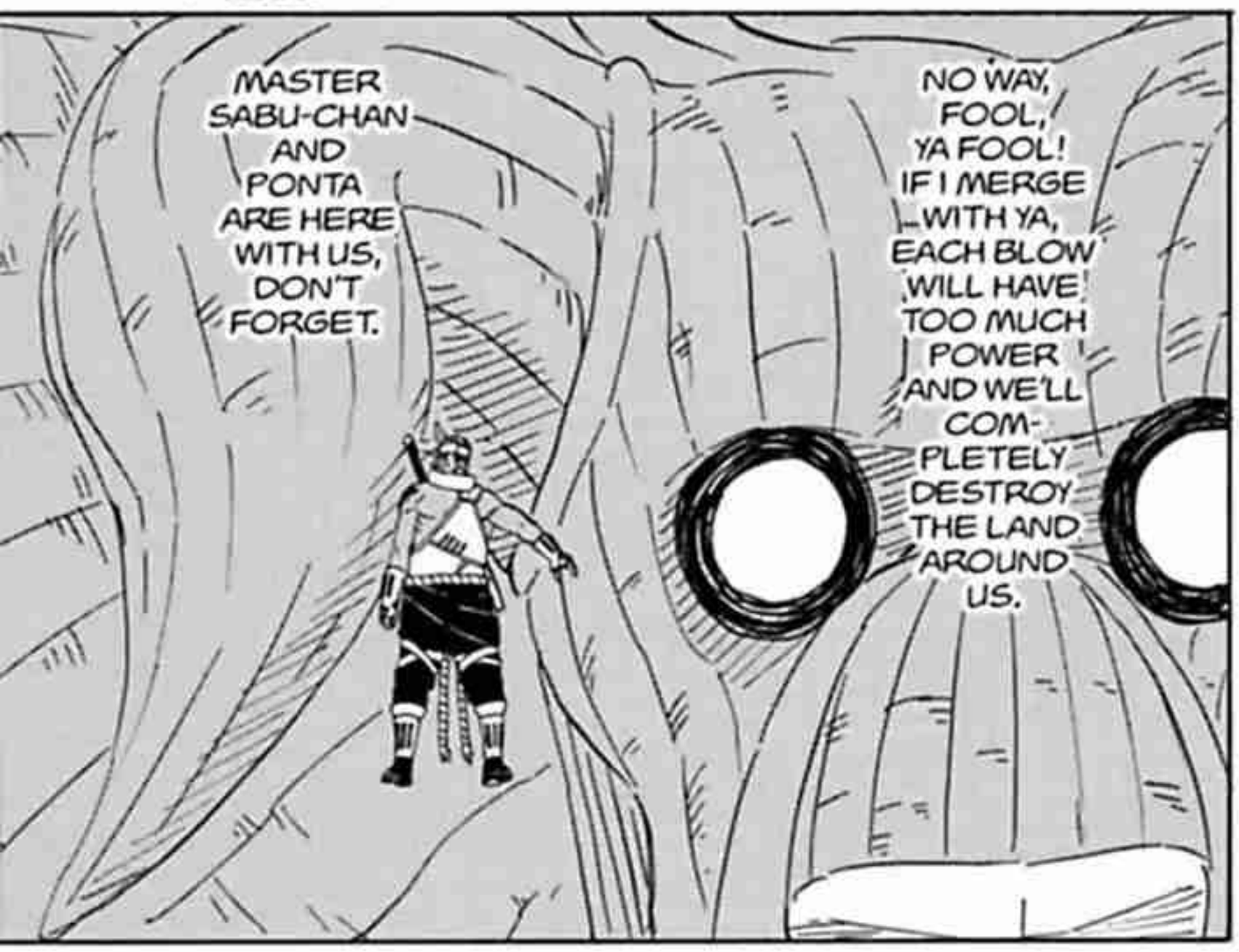
...I WILL DODGE THAT SCYTHE !!
IF YOU GET NERVOUS AND UNDO YOUR JUTSU EVEN A SECOND EARLY...

HUMPH ...!
TA K

...YOU'LL HAVE A FIGHT ON YOUR HANDS WHEN YOU RETURN TO GRAB MY HEAD!
AND IF I'M NOT DEAD...

ITS DELIGHT IS NOT TRIVIAL, EITHER.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SAMEHADA HAS EVER GROWN THIS BIG.

THOO


MASTER SABU-CHAN AND PONTA ARE HERE WITH US, DON'T FORGET.
NO WAY, FOOL, YA FOOL! IF I MERGE WITH YA, EACH BLOW WILL HAVE TOO MUCH POWER AND WE'LL COM-PLETELY DESTROY THE LAND AROUND US.

I'LL HELP. ENTER BIJU STATE, BEE!
!

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO YAK AROUND, BEE!
SO WHAT YOU GONNA DO? FIGHT IN VERSION 2 STATE?

PLUS, I FINALLY MANAGED TO SNEAK OFF UNDER THE RADAR. IF I LET YA OUT, IT'S LIKE SETTING OFF A KILLER BEE OF EIGHT TAILS IS HERE BEACON! DON'T YA THINK?!

YA SURE GOT A CHEEKY PERSONALITY ♪ BUT I'M STILL GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, YEAH ♪
FWOP

GAH! IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, YOU'D HAVE LOST A LONG TIME AGO.
YEAH, MAN ♪ 'CEPT MOST OF MY CHAKRA GOT TAKEN AWAY DURING THOSE LAST FEW EXCHANGES... SO LEND ME YOURS!

WOO

YO... HA...

SH

...IS A BIJU'S POWER TRAPPED IN HUMANOID FORM...

NO! THIS...

PLINK PLINK

GONE BIJU?

ZZZ LARIAT !!!!

PLINK

PLINK...

ZWOO

THUD

THUD

NICE... WORK...

YA GOT THERE AN IMPATIENT STEEL... ALREADY HUNGRY FOR ITS NEXT MEAL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS REDUCED BACK TO THIS VERSION...

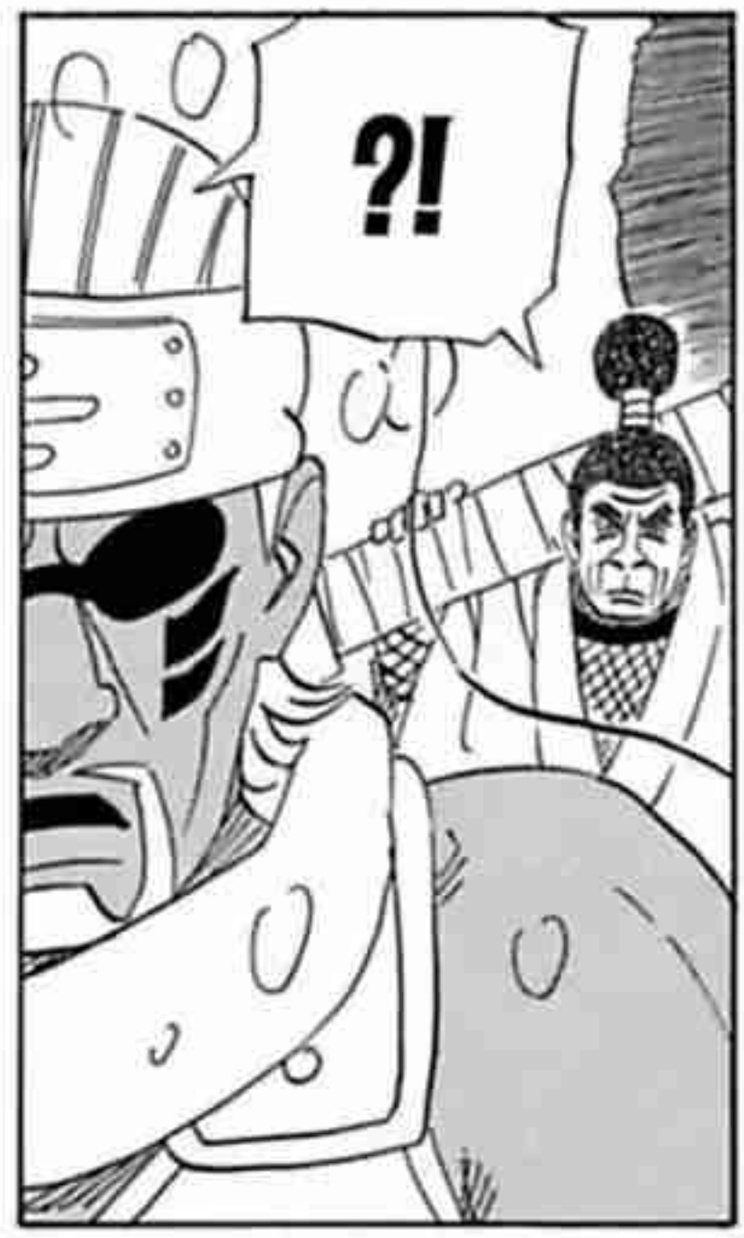
YES!!!

SLITHER

SLITHER
SLITHER...

HE'S STILL ALIVE! HURRY UP AND FINISH HIM OFF!

SWIP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...AND TRANSFERS IT TO HIS MASTER IN THE FORM OF STAMINA ...?!
SO HIS BLADE STEALS HIS ENEMY'S CHAKRA...

FWP
THAT IS WHY... I HAVE BEEN CALLED THE TAIL-LESS BIJU...

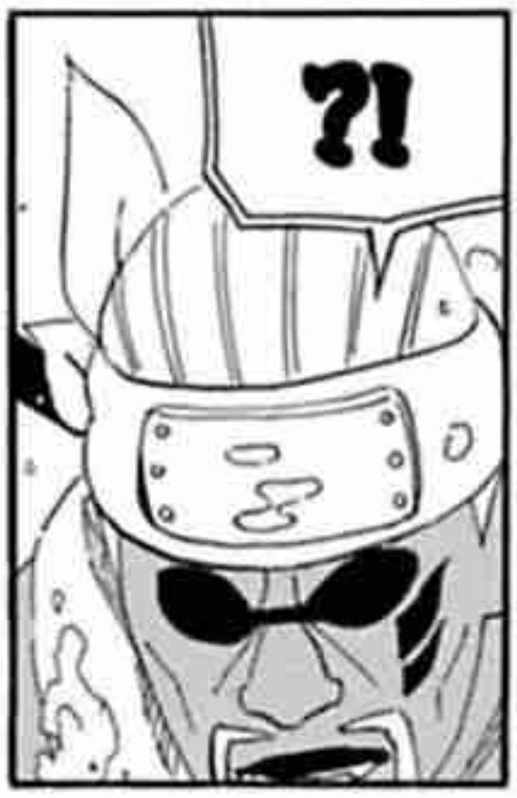
GLUG-GLUG
WHUF

...NEVER TIRING... NOR GOING DOWN...
I... THE STRONGER MY OPPONENT, THE STRONGER I BECOME AS WELL...

KA BOOM

WATER STYLE! SUPER-EXPLODING WATER SHOCK WAVE!!

ARGH !!!



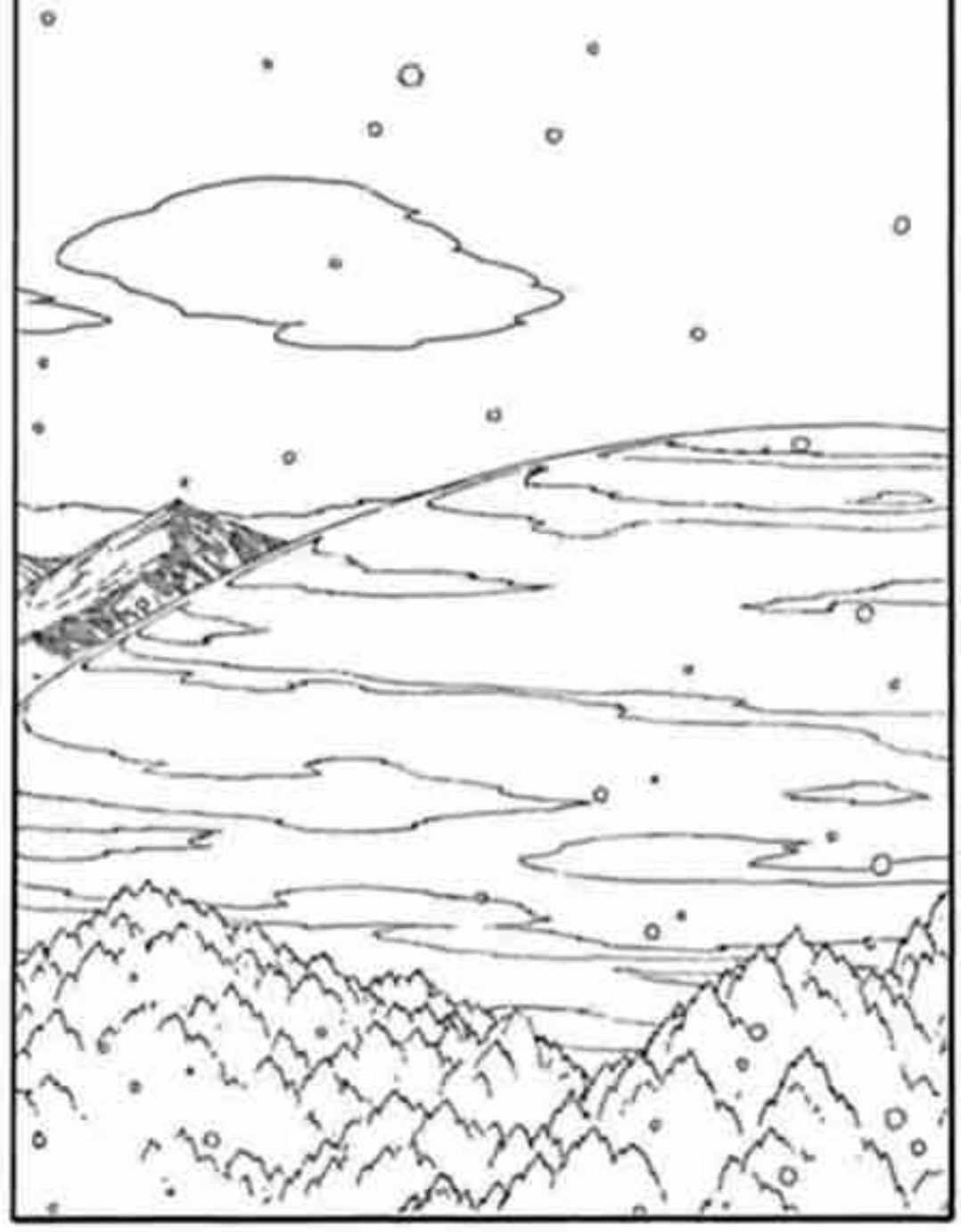
KLOP
KLOP
IF YOU CAN RIP IT OUT OF MY BODY, THAT IS.
GLUB GLUB

NARUTO

Number 472: Water Prison Death Match!!

YOO
SH
YO!!
BLUB BLUB
I CAN'T SEE THE BOUNDARY! SO MUCH WATER...
SO CRAZY!
WUF
SHOOOW
I HAVE YOU NOW.
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE SUITON.

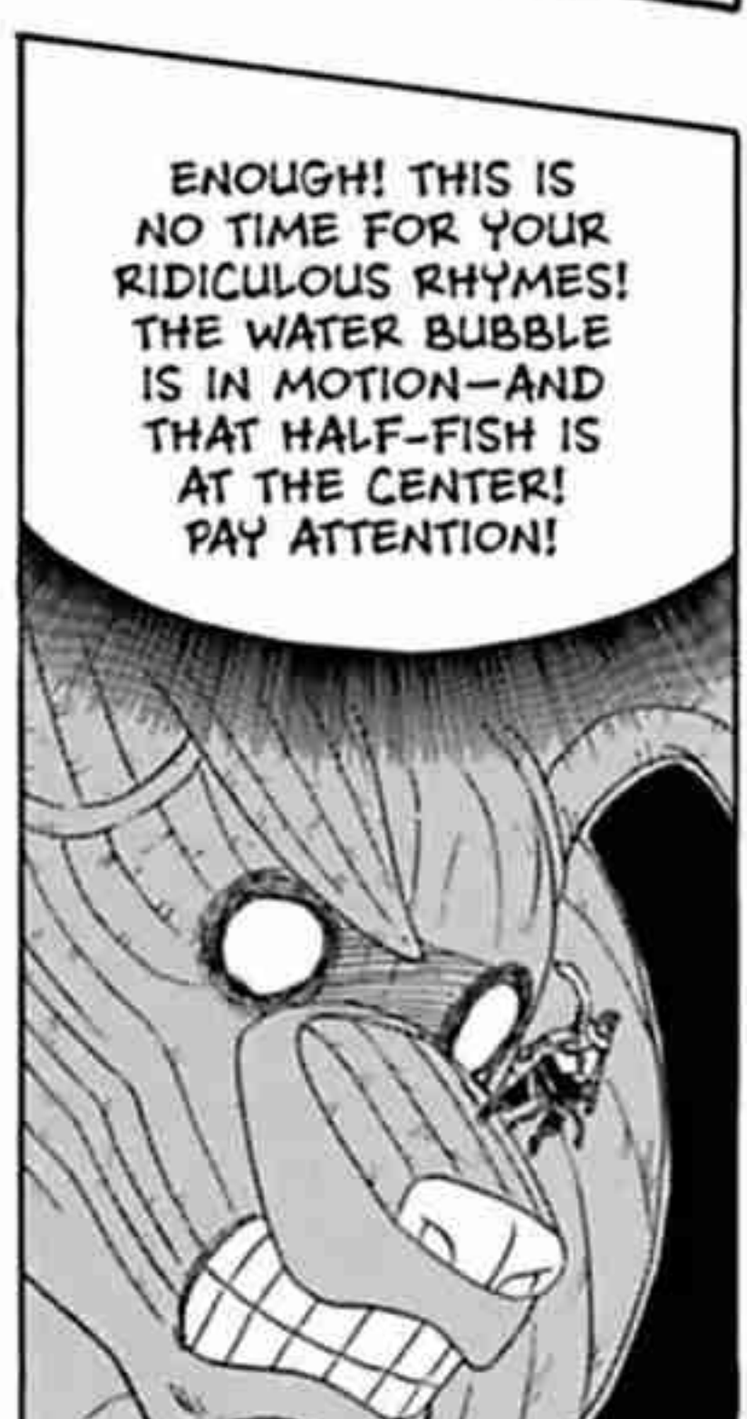
ZWOOOOO

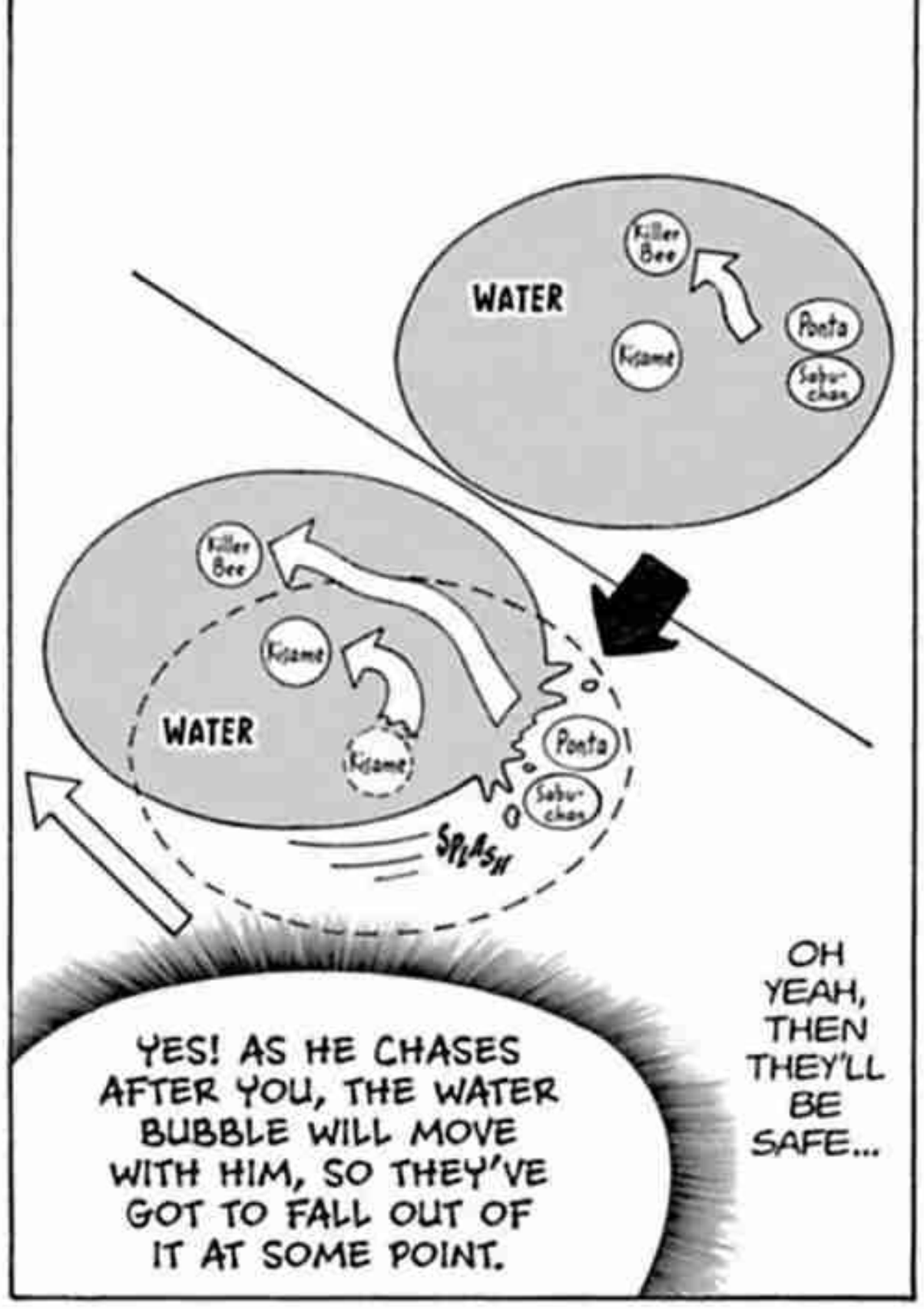


THESE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE HUNKY-DORY!! I WON'T BE TAKEN DOWN, SORRY!!

!
BLUB BLUB
BEE! BEHIND YOU!

IF YOU JUST RUN AROUND, HE'LL CATCH AND KILL YOU.
AND HE CAN PROBABLY BREATHE UNDERWATER WITH GILLS!
HE'S FASTER THAN YOU IN THE WATER!
WATER
Pasta
Fisher
Fisher
Killer Bee
Saber Claw


ENOUGH! THIS IS NO TIME FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS RHYMES! THE WATER BUBBLE IS IN MOTION—AND THAT HALF-FISH IS AT THE CENTER! PAY ATTENTION!


WATER
Killer Bee
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SPLASH
YES! AS HE CHASES AFTER YOU, THE WATER BUBBLE WILL MOVE WITH HIM, SO THEY'VE GOT TO FALL OUT OF IT AT SOME POINT.
OH YEAH, THEN THEY'LL BE SAFE...

YOU'RE THE AKATSUKI'S TARGET, BEE!
SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?
LEAVE THAT ENKA GEEZER AND THE TANUKI BEHIND AND RUN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!
HE'LL CHASE YOU!

PLOP
PLOP

...

SWERVE
?!

GOOD! NOW COME THIS WAY...

YA FOOL!!
NO, I AIN'T LETTING THAT HAPPEN!
TAK

...BUT THERE'S NO RULE AGAINST KILLING THESE TWO!
I MUST CAPTURE EIGHT TAILS ALIVE...
ZWOP

WHAT?!
SCREECH

SHWOOO

!
GOTCHA!
ZWOO
CLA
SLAM

SUCKERS
...?!
SLITHER
?!

SHOOOOOOM

...FOR FREE FOREVER! FOOL! YA FOOL!
I AIN'T... GIVIN' YA MY CHAKRA...
HAK

CHAK
YOU REALLY ARE WORTHY OF BEING CALLED THE EPITOME OF JINCHÛRIKI ...
TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE JUST ONE PART OF YOURSELF INTO YOUR BIJU IS IMPRESSIVE.
SLITHER

ALL RIGHT, THEY'RE OUT!

SWOO
SPLASH

KLAK

THOO
BOP
W

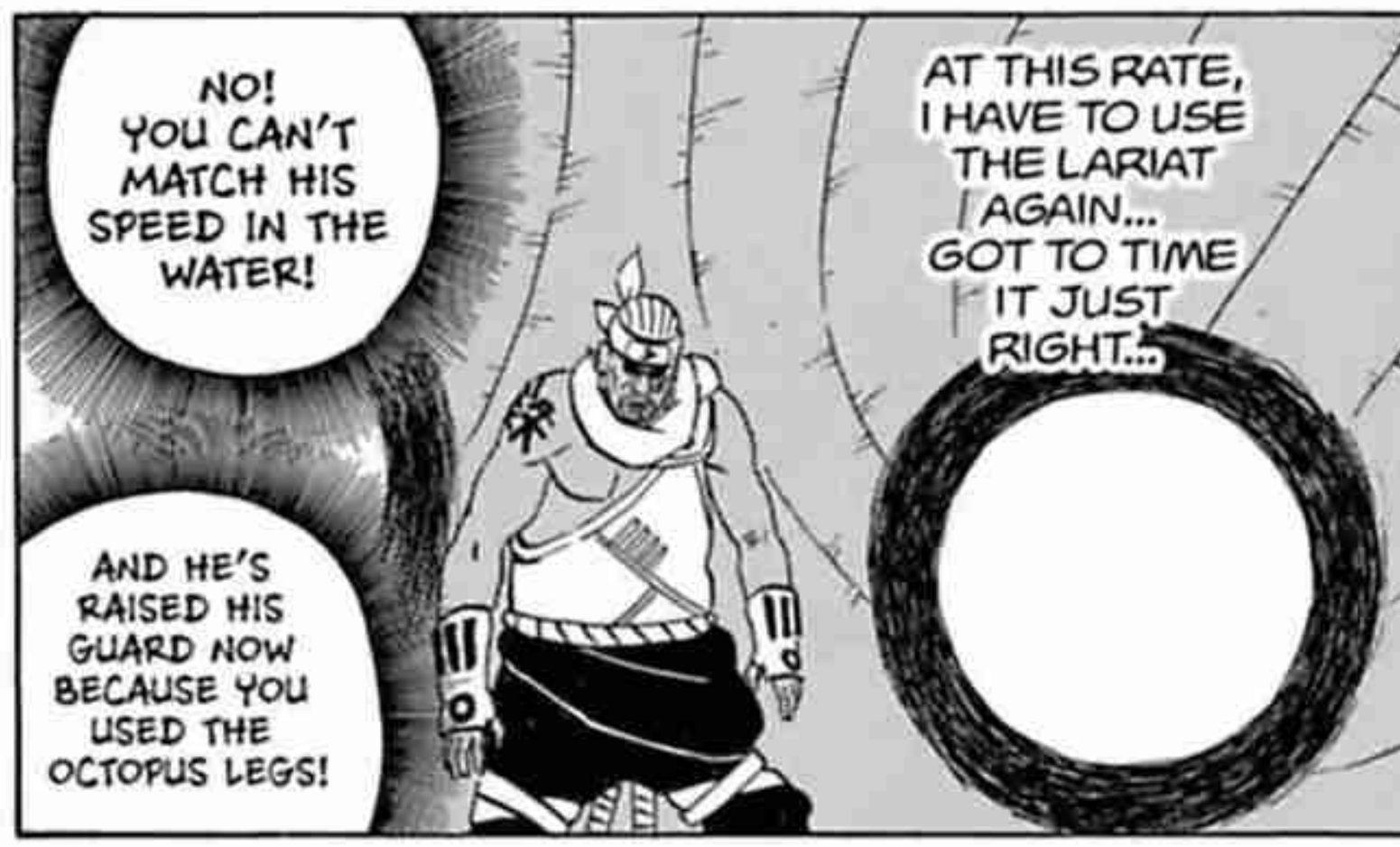
GLUB

SEEMS IT'S FINALLY FOUND ITS DREAM CHAKRA BANQUET.
I CAN FEEL SAMEHADA TREMBLING WITH JOY...
WHIP

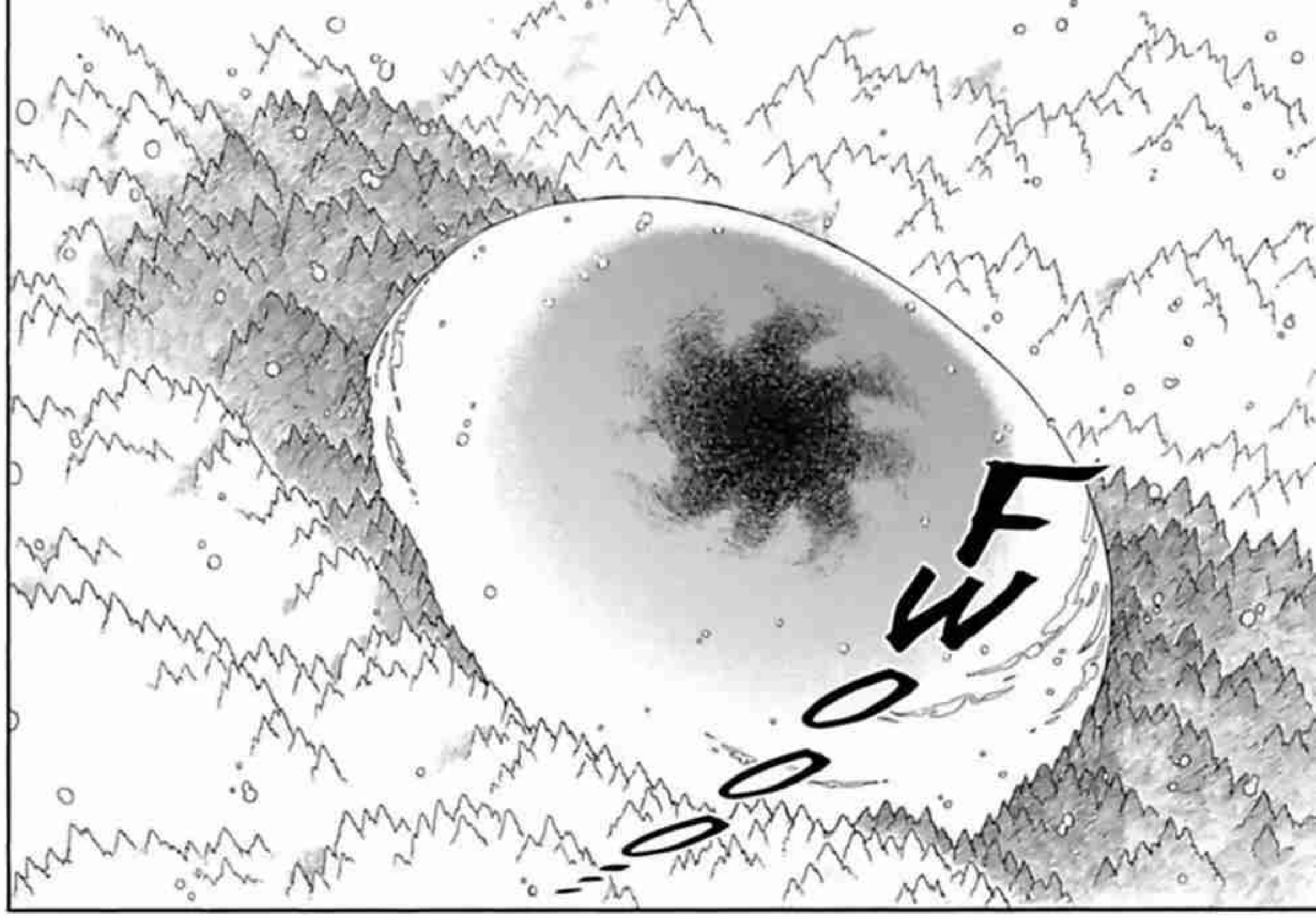
...I WILL CONTINUE TO DRAIN YOUR CHAKRA.
YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA THERE, BUT SO LONG AS OUR BODIES ARE TOUCHING...
WOOO

...
GETTING TO THE END OF YOUR AIR SUPPLY?
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING TROUBLE BREATHING ...

USE COVER!
RETREAT!


NO! YOU CAN'T MATCH HIS SPEED IN THE WATER!
AND HE'S RAISED HIS GUARD NOW BECAUSE YOU USED THE OCTOPUS LEGS!
AT THIS RATE, I HAVE TO USE THE LARIAT AGAIN... GOT TO TIME IT JUST RIGHT...

READ THIS WAY
TRYING TO GAUGE AN OPPONENT'S LIMITS IS PARTICULARLY FUN.
THIS WATER PRISON SHARK DANCE JUTSU... IT SHAVES AWAY YOUR CHAKRA UNTIL YOU HAVE BARELY ENOUGH TO STAY ALIVE.
NO ONE ELSE IN THE AKATSUKI EVER CAME CLOSE TO ME IN LIVE CAPTURE...
FSSSSSS
鉄
THOUGH I DO OCCASIONALLY BLUNDER, YOU KNOW!
SKOOOO
?!


FWOOOO

GLUB GLUB...

THIS IS INK...
A BLINDING TACTIC... HE REALLY IS AN OCTOPUS LOUT.

SHOOO

HOW-EVER...

READ THIS WAY
...IS ABLE TO SENSE CHAKRA THROUGH MY SKIN...
MY BODY, MERGED WITH SAMEHADA ...
SWSH
BLUB BLUB
SLASH
SLASH
AND NOW, I BELIEVE YOUR CHAKRA IS CLOSE TO ZERO.
BEE ...
HUF
HACK

SPLAT

SWOO

EIGHT TAILS TURNED OUT TO BE RATHER DISAP-POINTING TOO...
WOOO...

IT WOULD BE BOTHERSOME FOR YOU TO REGAIN CONSCIOUS-NESS AND TURN BIJU AGAIN...
...SO I THINK I SHALL REMOVE YOUR LEGS TO BE SAFE...
WHOOSH

GAH! BEE, WAKE UP! THIS IS REAL BAD!!
HE STOLE AWAY MOST OF MY CHAKRA TOO!

TAK TAK
HUF
HUF
HUF

THOUGH MY BLADE DOESN'T CUT CLEANLY!

?!

SKREEE...

RRRRRRK...

UGH!!
BIII

READ THIS WAY
?!
SWO
SCREECH
WHUF
!
SKREEE...!

SWOO...

YOU'VE TAKEN THAT MUCH OF A LIKING TO HIS CHAKRA... SAMEHADA?
NO WAY... IT'S ATTRACTED TO EIGHT TAILS...?

TA
K
IT'S GIVING HIM THE CHAKRA IT STOLE FROM ME!

UNH ...
FWOO...

AHH

!
SKUFF...
SKUFF...

WHAM
SKREE!

...!

...
LOOKS LIKE IT HAS A NICE, SHARP EDGE !!
TAK

VERY WELL... SHALL WE MAKE IT A FAIR TRADE THEN, WEAPON FOR WEAPON?
SHUP

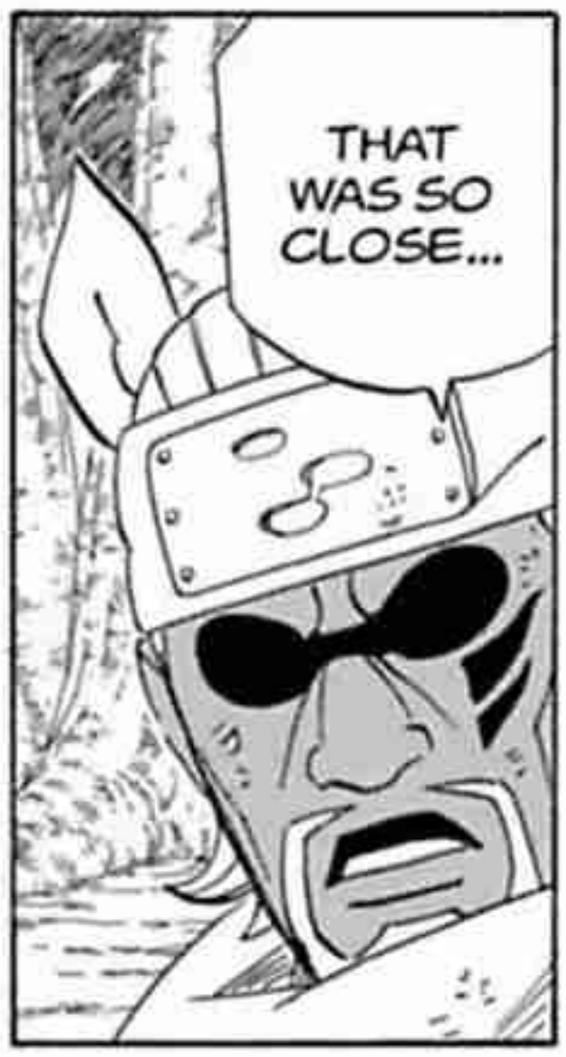
HMM... THIS BLADE...
KLAK
SHUP SHUP

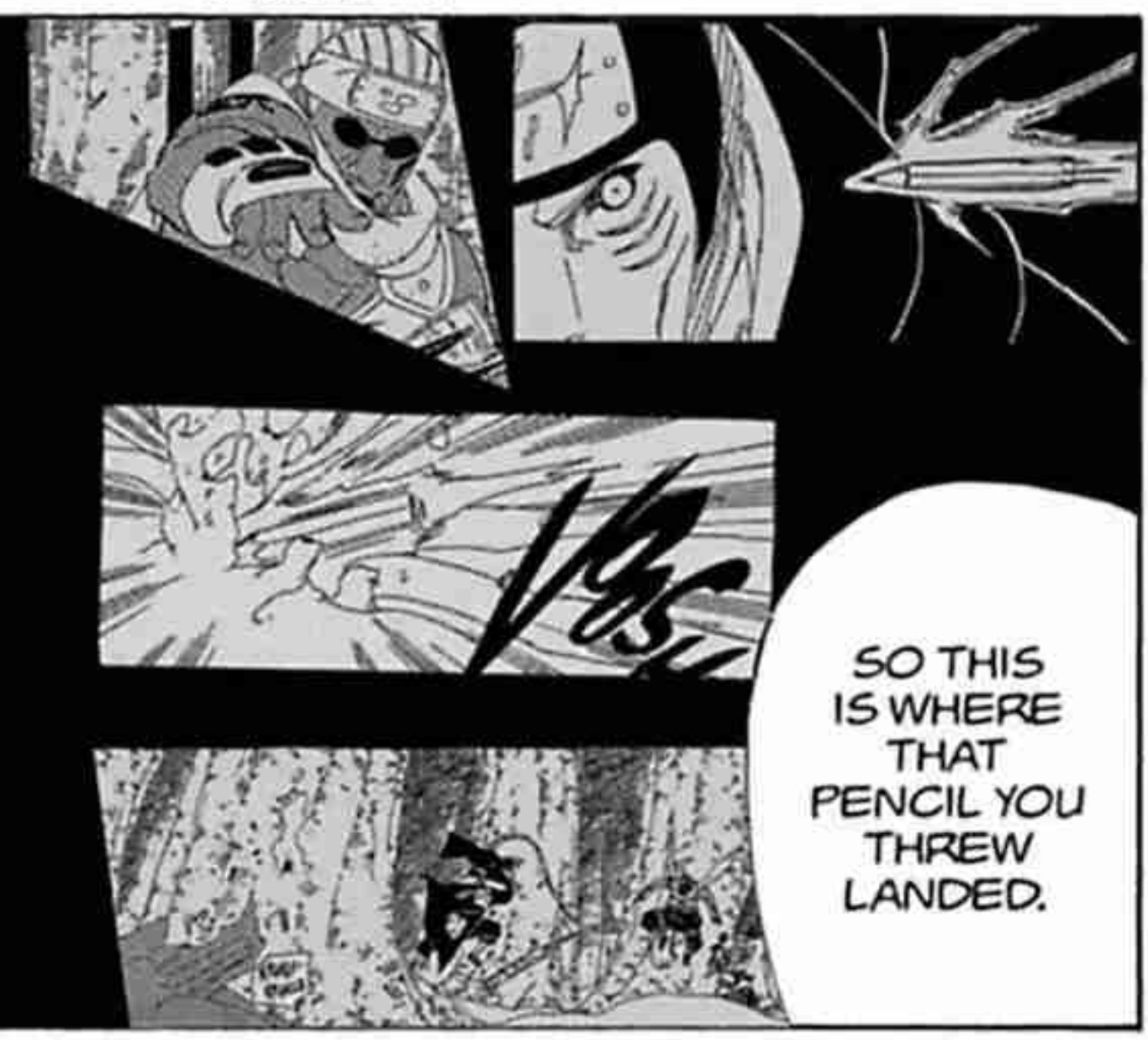
NARUTO

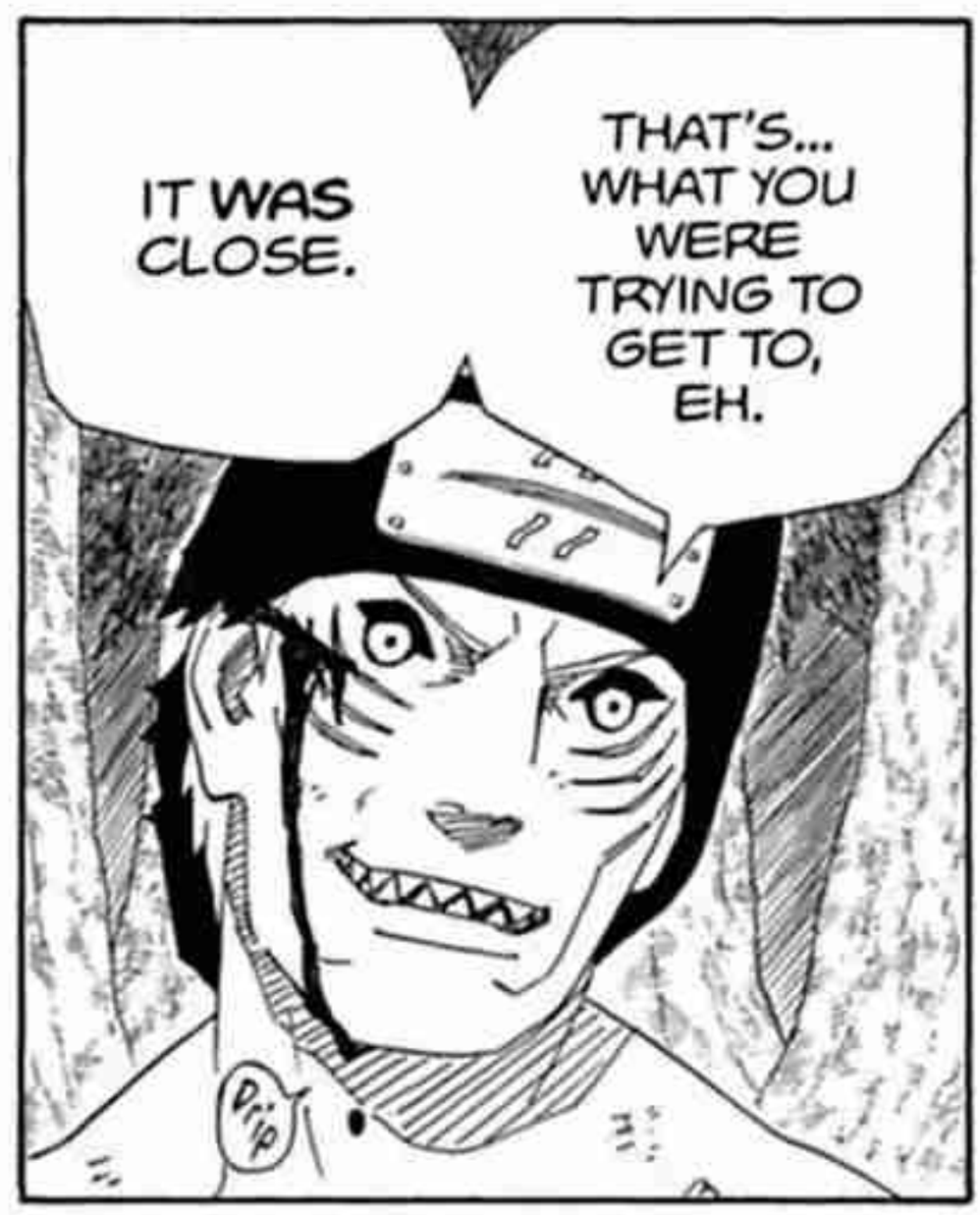
Number 473: Bro

WHIP

A PENCIL ?!!




SO THIS IS WHERE THAT PENCIL YOU THREW LANDED.


IT WAS CLOSE.
THAT'S... WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO GET TO, EH.
Drip

SKREEE!

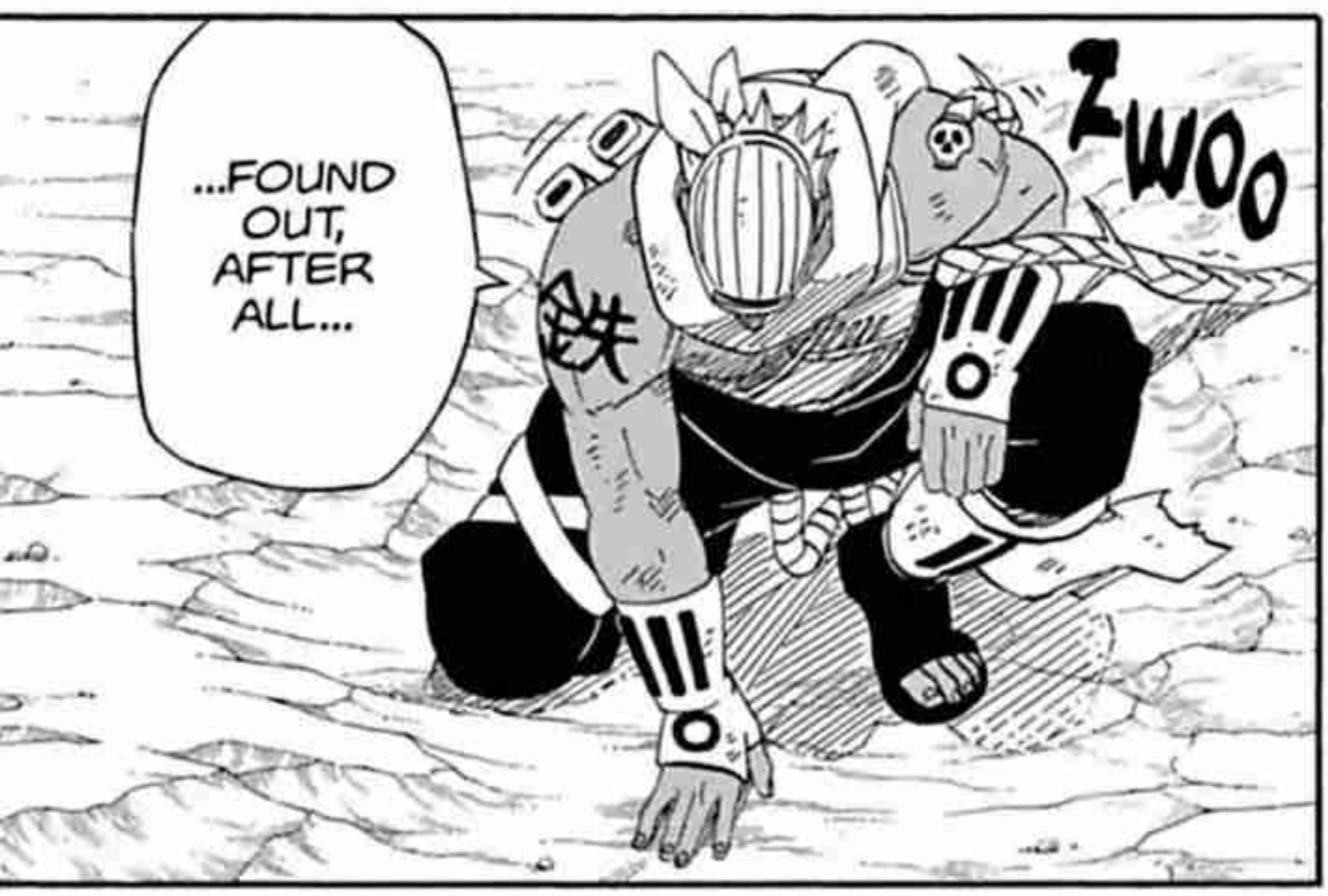
...

HOWEVER... I THINK THIS SHALL BE THE LAST OF YOUR FUTILE STRUGGLES!
FSH

SORRY WE'RE LATE, BEE.

THANKS TO YOU... HOSHIGAKI KISAME.
...AND I COULD SENSE EIGHT TAILS' AND BEE'S CHAKRA MIXED UP IN IT.
SUCH A GIANT BUBBLE OF WATER IS VISIBLE EVEN TO THE NAKED EYE.

HOW DID YOU...?!
THE RAIKAGE ?!


...FOUND OUT, AFTER ALL...
ZWOO

YOU OUGHTN'T RECKLESSLY ABSORB OTHERS' CHAKRA.
IT'S WAAAAY TOO OBVIOUS.

OKAY ... BRO!

LET'S DO IT...

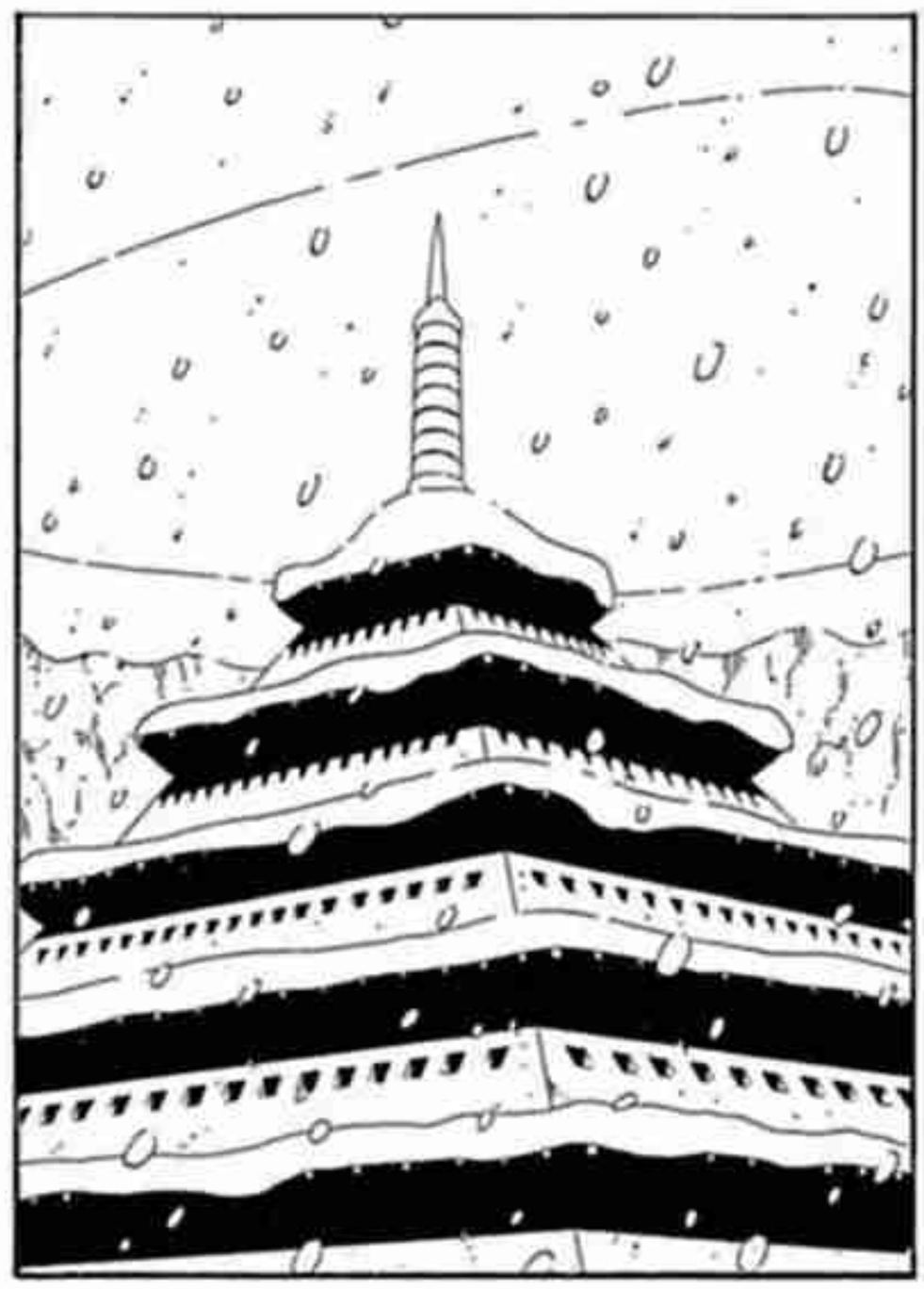
...!
THAT SAMEHADA! IT'S GIVING EIGHT TAILS MORE CHAKRA...!

WATER STYLE! SUPER-SHARK BOMB...
...LARIAT !!!
DOUBLE...

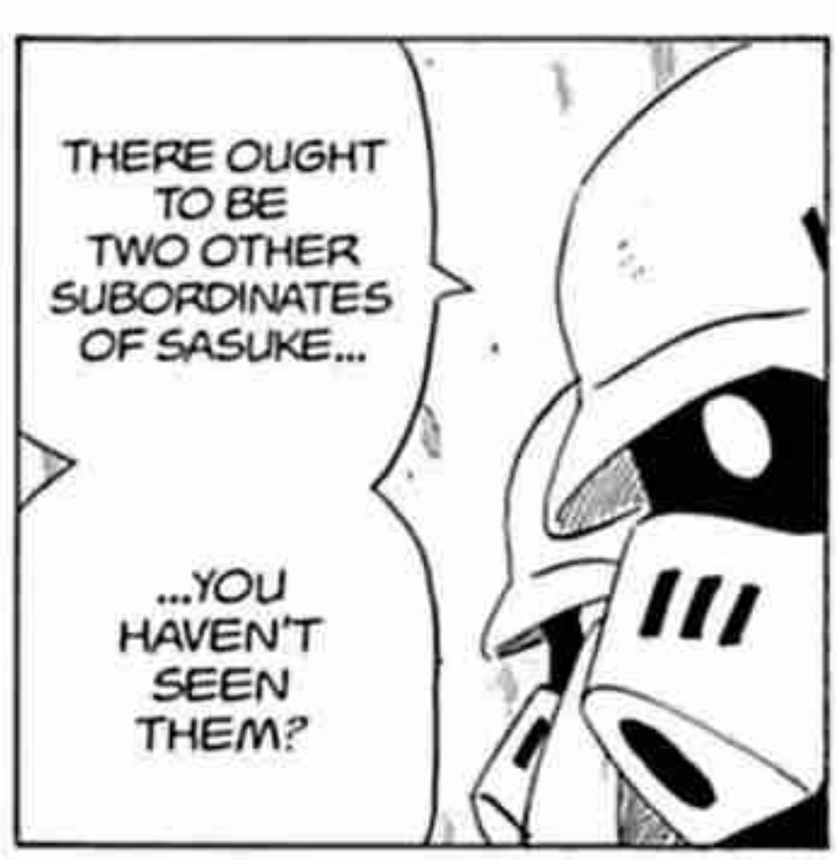
TWO IS TOO FAST...

IMP

HOW'D IT GO BELOW?
WE TWO ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS.



...NOPE.
IT'S SUCH A MESS DOWN THERE.
MAYBE THEY'RE DEAD TOO?


THERE OUGHT TO BE TWO OTHER SUBORDINATES OF SASUKE...
...YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THEM?

R-REALLY?

...AND ASKED US TO ARREST THEM BEFORE HE LEFT.
NO... THE KUMOGAKURE SHINOBI WITH SENSORY SKILLS CONFIRMED THEY WERE STILL ALIVE...
SSH...

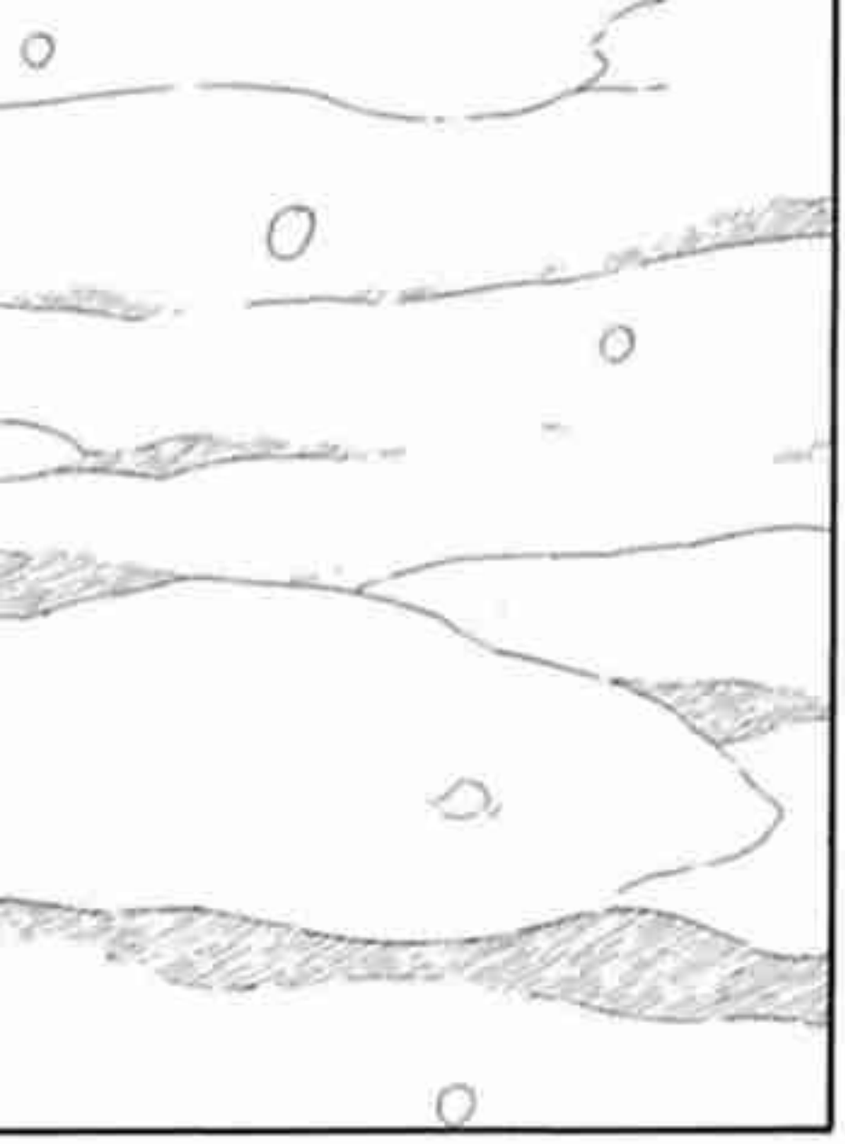
...
!!!

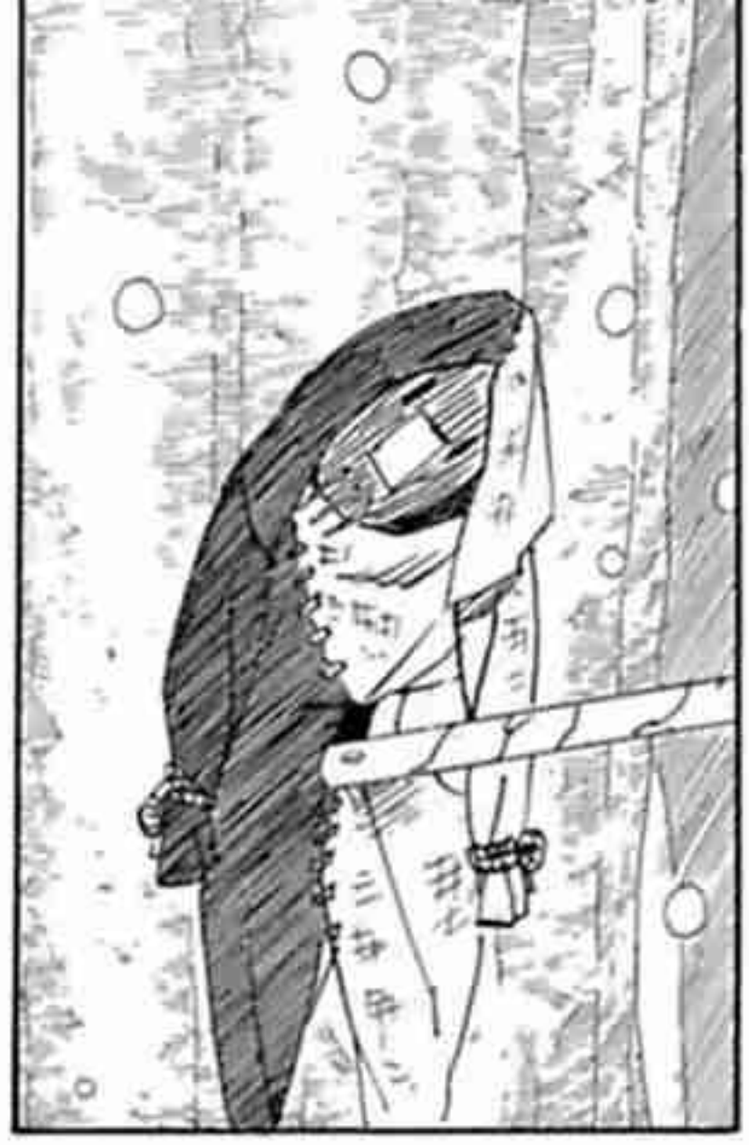
?
KLAK
SHUP
SO, YOU TWO... TAKE OFF YOUR ARMOR!
KLAK

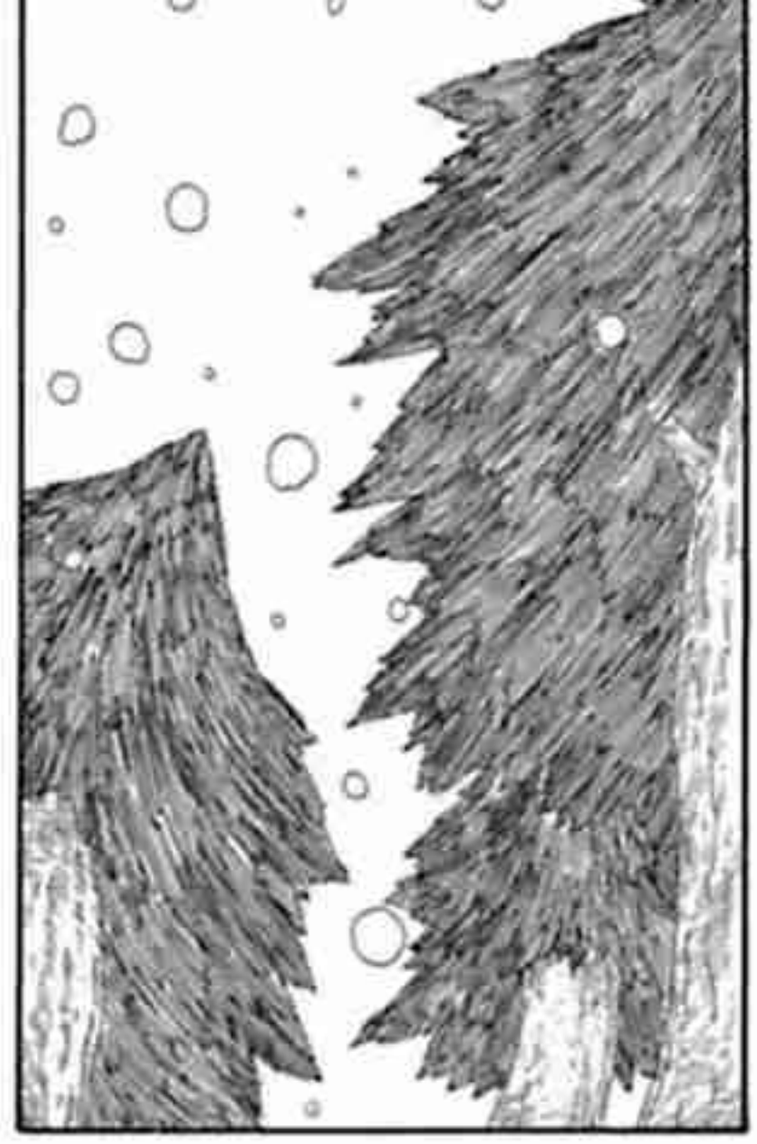
KLIK

SHOOOM
?!
SHO

I GUESS IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL.
FSUCH...
OH WELL... LOOKS LIKE THEY CAUGHT ON.





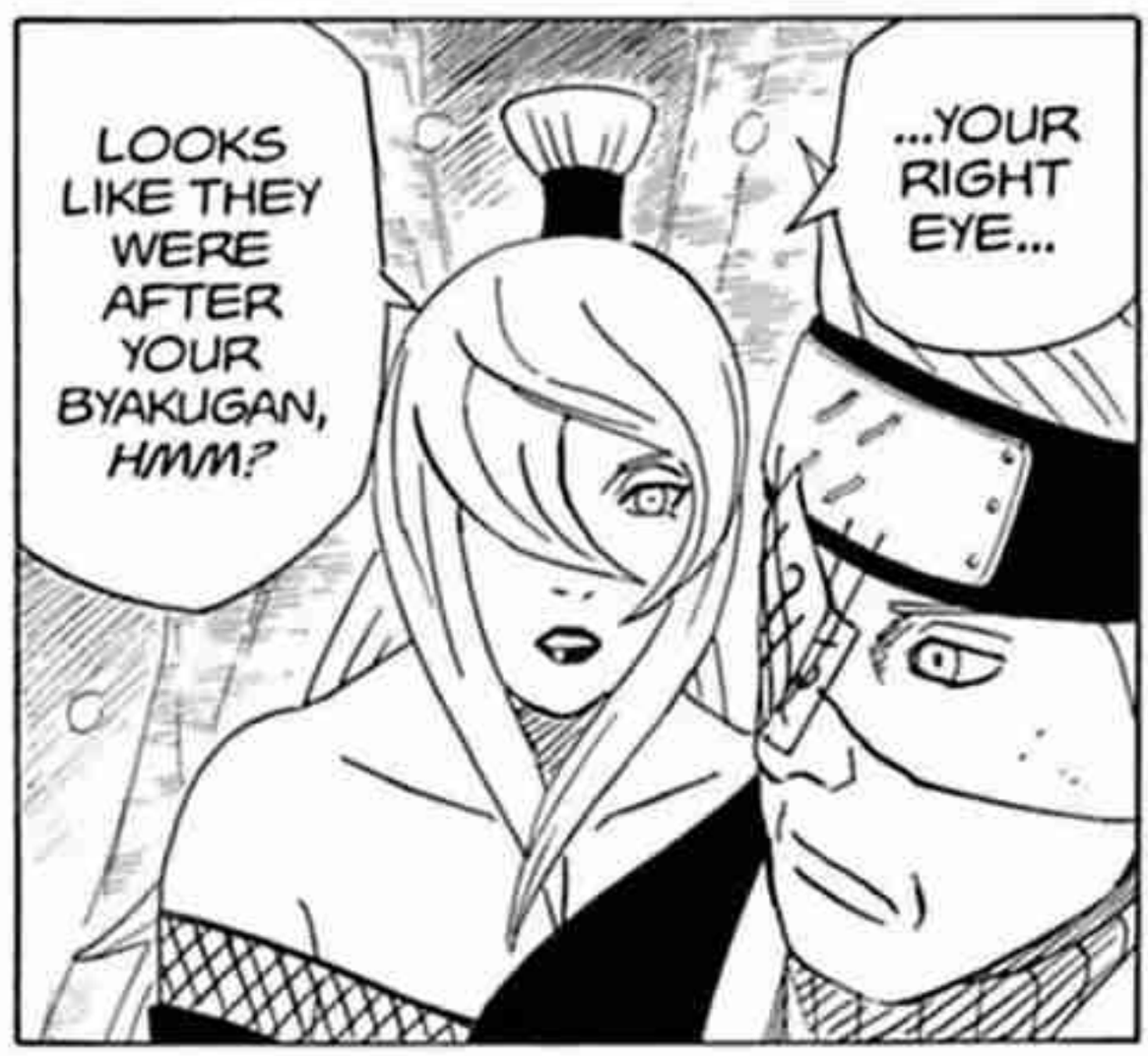


HUF
HUF
THANK YOU...

...IF NOT FOR YOU, I'D BE DEAD.
I WAS TRAPPED IN AN ENEMY'S JUTSU... COULDN'T MOVE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?

...A TYPE OF MIND TRANSFER TECHNIQUE ...

A GENJUTSU OR SIMILAR ART THAT ROBS YOU OF BODILY CONTROL, HMM...
PHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE.


LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE AFTER YOUR BYAKUGAN, HMM?
...YOUR RIGHT EYE...

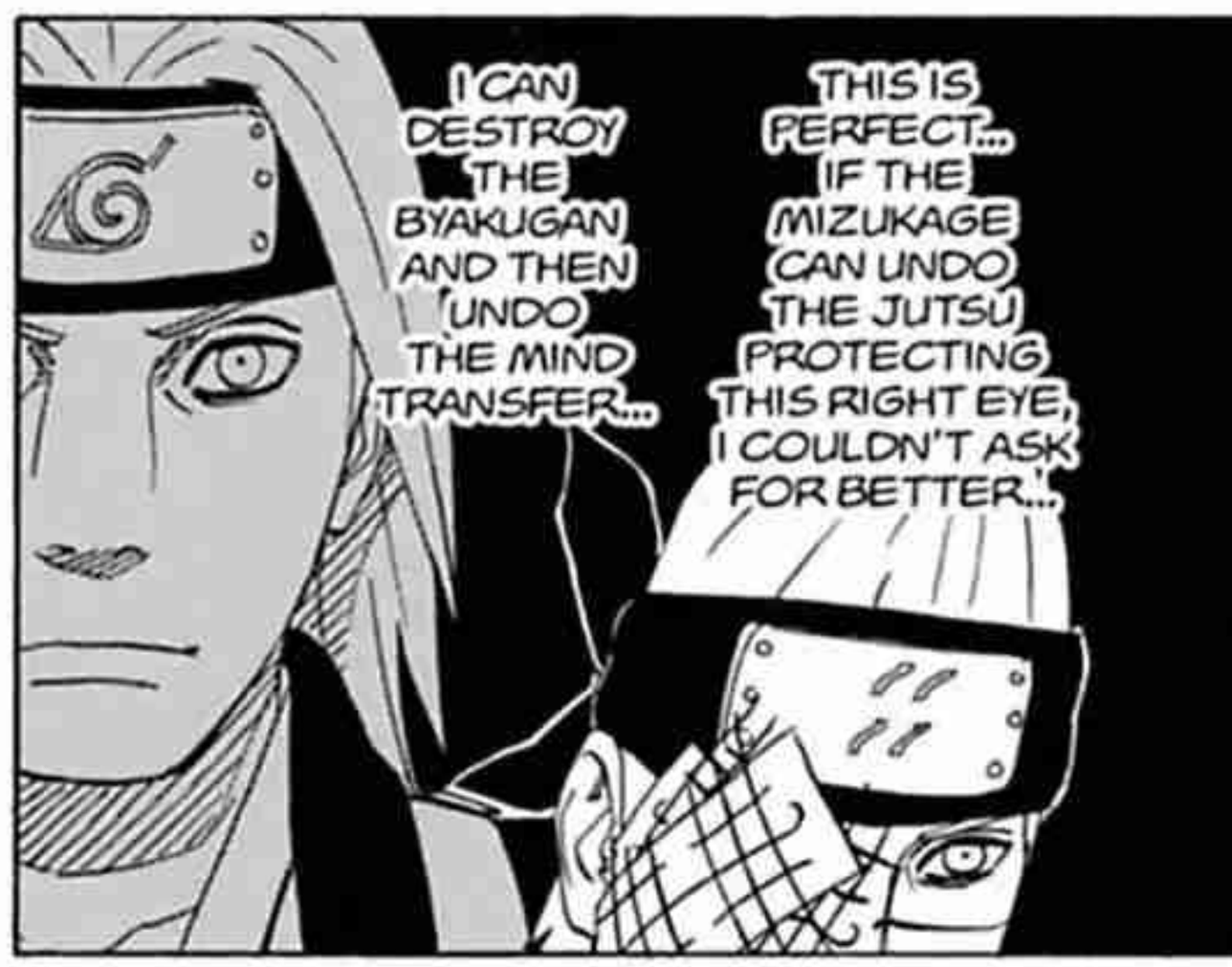
WHOA. EVEN YOU, A SENSORY TYPE, WEREN'T SURE IF HELP WOULD COME IN TIME?
SORRY TO CAUSE YOU WORRY...

FORGIVE ME... PLEASE UNDO THE BINDINGS?
FSH
THEY ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN SMASHING IT...

READ THIS WAY
I'LL ALSO UNDO THAT JUTSU PROTECTING YOUR RIGHT EYE.
...
OF COURSE ...
!
SORRY TO BE SUCH A BURDEN.
THANK YOU...
I WONDER WHAT.. THAT IS?

HE HASN'T UNDONE THE MIND TRANSFER TECHNIQUE YET!!!

NO!!



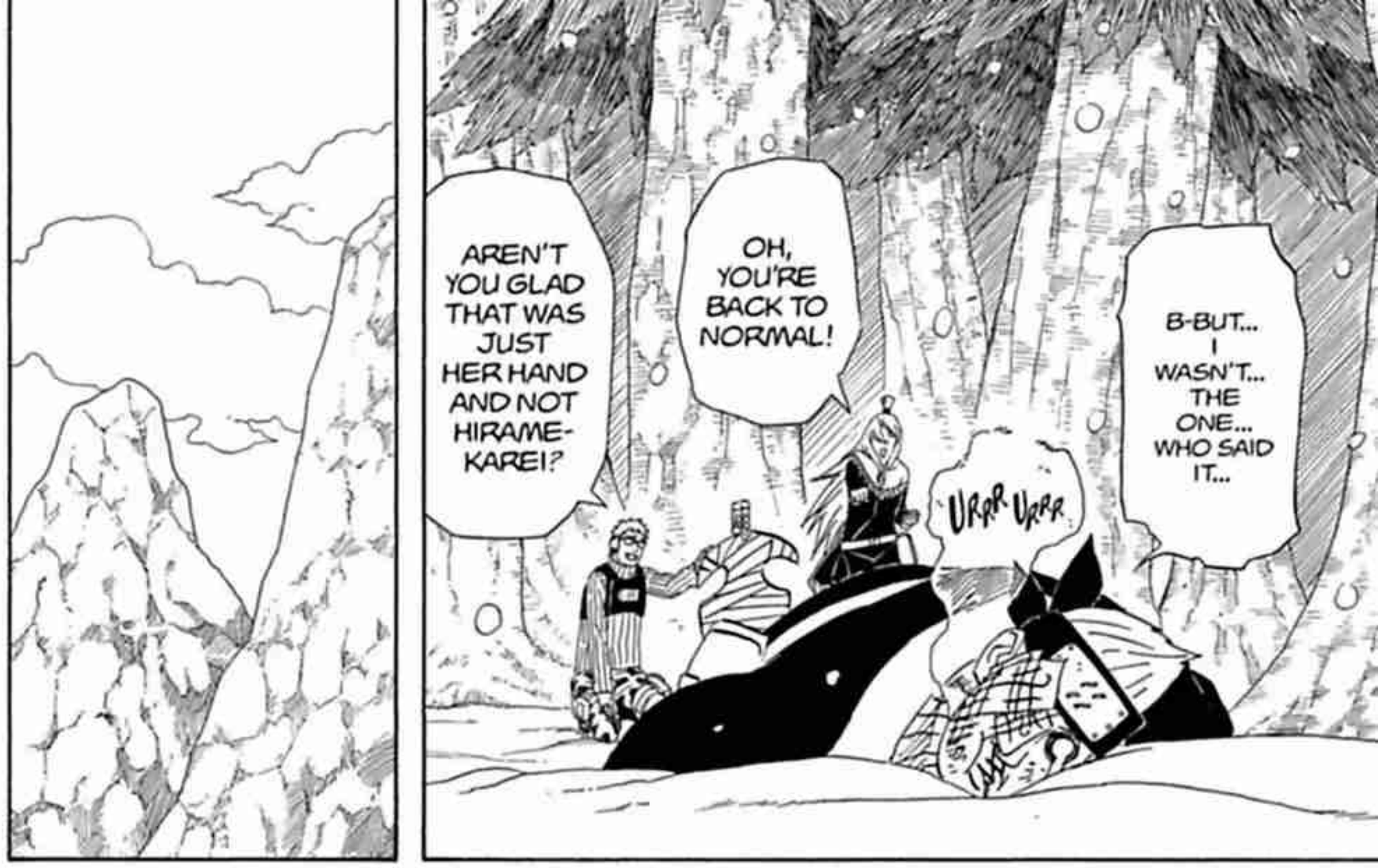
LEND ME HIRAMEKAREI, CHOJURO.
FSH...
?

THERE YOU GO!

?

YOU ARE NOT AO...
I DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO UNDO THE JUTSU PROTECTING THAT RIGHT EYE...
...AO KNOWS THAT.

THWAK
...YOU SLY OLD VIXEN!
...YOU SNIFFED ME OUT...
I SWEAR, YOUTH THESE DAYS ARE JUST ALL MADE OF WEAKER STUFF THAN...
AND AO WOULD NEVER APOLOGIZE IN FRONT OF CHOJURO...


AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT WAS JUST HER HAND AND NOT HIRAME-KAREI?
OH, YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL!
URRR URRR
B-BUT... I WASN'T... THE ONE... WHO SAID IT...

WELL?

TWITCH
TWINK
!

FORGIVE ME, SIR... I HAVE FAILED.

SAI... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
YOU'RE A DOPPEL-GANGER ...

SHUP

...THAT SAKURA TRIED TO BUT WASN'T ABLE TO TELL YOU EARLIER.
I WANTED TO RELAY TO YOU THE TRUTH...

...THE TRUTH?
?
TO BE CONTINUED IN NARUTO VOLUME 51!